

The Year's Best Cat Stuff

Here are some of CAT FANCY editors' favorite new products from 2009.

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CAT FANCY editors went through oodles of products, and here are some of their favorites.

Meet the Editors

Associate Editor April Balotro, a lifelong “dog person,” has difficulty resisting the bright eyes and kneading paws of the cats and kittens she meets.

Managing Editor Annie Shirreffs lives with her husband and their young cats Agatha and Tallulah. A lifelong cat lover, she is enjoying the newest members of her feline family.

Editor Susan Logan is the proud mom of 18-year-old Ragdoll Chloe, and 1-year-old Maine Coon mixes Madison and Sophie. Chloe is a faithful lap cat who enjoys a good meal and lounging around the house. Sophie enjoys high places and purring loudly when taking time out to lounge next to Susan.

For the first time in Art Director Jerome Callens' life, he is completely catless. Until he adopts a cat of his own, he enjoys living vicariously through the other people in his life who have cats.

FroliCat BOLT

\$19.99. Lucky Litter LLC dba Brilliant Pet; 888-726-6369.

“What a cool idea! This is great for busy days when I can't entertain or play with my cat much.”

Caboodle Habitats for Cats

\$29.95. InPlay Products Inc.; 510-793-2508.

“Cats seem to love cardboard, and this has a really fun design. My cat started playing in it before we even finished building it.”

Kitty Care Stair

\$299. Precious Paws of Cats and Dogs; 800-737-1823

“This is an innovative and stylish take on a common and popular product among cat owners — especially those with senior cats.”

Kit-E-Quiz

\$29.99. Ware Manufacturing Inc.; 800-295-2243.

"This would definitely get my cat's curiosity going. It's a great toy for cats who get bored easily. Plus it's two-sided, so it's like two toys in one!"

Neater Feeder for Cats

\$34.99. Tower Star Pets LLC;
877-917-7387.

"My cat makes a mess when he eats, but this keeps all that kibble and wet food mess contained." Drinkwell 360

\$64.99. Veterinary Ventures Inc.; 866-322-2530.

"This fountain is ideal for people with two or more cats. My cats love it."

Deluxe Seedling Tree House

\$89 to \$875. Pet Tree Houses; 407-833-0201.

"This product is sturdy and appealing all while providing a scratching surface and lodging for cats, and it looks great in any room of the house."

Pet Food Dispenser

\$12.49 (4-pound). Van Ness Plastics; 973-778-9500.

"This is ideal for all cat owners who don't want to lug around a big bag of cat food. Plus, it helps keep food fresher longer."

Lift 'n Scoop

\$3.29. Animal Magnetism, Pet Set Products; 516-674-0887 or 516-620-2853.

"Having just broken a thumbnail, I'd find this very useful. I like the added benefit of the spoon."

Smart Details Pet Hair Broom

\$24.99. BISSELL Homecare Inc.; 800-237-7691.

"This picked up cat hair really well, and it works on carpet as well as floors. It's handy to use between vacuumings."

Groomer's GOOP wipes

\$4.25. Groomer's GOOP, a division of Critzas Industries Inc.; 314-773-8510.

"This is a great product for in between baths. I like that it's nontoxic and has a nice, but subtle, scent." Hartz Hairball

Remedy Plus

\$4.99 (2.5 ounces)

The Hartz Mountain Corp; 800-275-1414;

"My longhaired cats get hairballs all the time. I like that this product helps eliminate and prevent hairball problems." Hartz

NODOR Litter Spray

\$4.99

The Hartz Mountain Corp.

800-275-1414

"I'm amazed by how this spray worked immediately to cut the ammonia smell in my cat's litterbox."