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Best Buys in Pet Products

Best Buy Categories:
[P]-Premium selection;
[M]-Mid-range selection;
[E]-Economy selection.
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Leashes
[P] Flexi's Elegance Retractable Leash
List: \$60; Best Price: \$39
You can feel the quality when you hold the comfortable handle and the leash zips in and out. It's easy to grip with one-handed operation. The leash locks easily and smoothly.
Features:
• Length: 16 ft.
• Material: Nylon with leather trim
• Colors: 8
• Warranty: 1-yr. limited

[M] Planet Dog Hemp Leash with Fleece-Lined Handle
List: \$17.95; Best Price: \$14.99
Made from environmentally friendly and super-sturdy hemp, this heavy-duty leash has a cushy, fleece-lined

handle that will hold up well to pulling dogs. The pairing of the leash with a fleece-lined harness, which also doubles as a dog seatbelt, makes this a good value for this price range.

Features:
• Length: 5 ft.
• Material: Hemp
• Colors: Green, orange and purple
• Warranty: Guaranteed against defects

[E] Lupine Padded Handle Lead
List: \$9.50 to \$14.95;
Best Price: \$7.49 to \$12.52
This sturdy leash's padded handle is comfortable even with pulling dogs, and this model clips onto a collar easily, which is good for when you are wearing gloves or for people with arthritis in their hands. Lupine leashes are available in 1/2-in., 3/4-in. and 1-in. widths. Patterns on the leash are woven into the material of the leash instead of stamped on.

Features:
• Lengths: 4 ft. and 6 ft.

• Materials: Nylon
• Colors: 11
• Warranty: Lifetime

Dog Beds

[P] Big Shrimpy Nest Dog Bed
List: \$40 to \$155;
Best Price: \$40 to \$155
This is a comfortable, well-constructed pet bed topped in faux suede or fleece and surrounded and lined with water-resistant canvas. The manufacturer designed the rest-style bed to give a feeling of safety to dogs or cats. This model has two fabric choices.

Features:
• Sizes:
26 in. (l) x 28 in. (w) x 8 in. (h);
33 in. (l) x 36 in. (w) x 9 in. (h);
40 in. (l) x 47 in. (w) x 11 in. (h)
• Colors: 9
• Cleaning: Machine washable and dryable bed
• Warranty: 2-yr. limited

[M] PetSafe Heated Wellness Sleeper

List: \$60 to \$110;
Best Price: \$50 to \$79
We believe this bed is great for senior dogs, athletic dogs or puppies, and even cats that need extra comfort. This bed has enclosed sides, and its low-level therapeutic heat function under the orthopedic foam core is designed to ease aching joints. The Heated Wellness Sleeper comes with a detachable chew-resistant cord, removable and washable cover, and low-voltage power adapter.

Features:
• Sizes:
23 in. (l) x 18 in. (w) x 8 in. (h);
28 in. (l) x 21 in. (w) x 8 in. (h);
36 in. (l) x 24 in. (w) x 8 in. (h)
• Colors: Small-green; Medium-blue; Large-tan
• Cleaning: Machine washable cover
• Warranty: Lifetime limited on bed; none on cover

[E] Pet Gear Nature's Foundation Indoor/Travel Bed

List: \$35 to \$70;
Best Price: \$28 to \$55
This model has one side with cooling nylon and the other side with warming fleece to accommodate different temperature needs. Constructed with a foam pad over a cedar cushion for odor control and to repel fleas and ticks, this bed provides firm support, which we believe could be ideal for arthritic pets.

Features:
• Sizes:
21 in. (l) x 15 in. (w) x 3-1/2 in. (h);
26-1/2 in. (l) x 18 in. (w) x 3-1/2 in. (h);
36 in. (l) x 24 in. (w) x 3-1/2 in. (h);
42 in. (l) x 28 in. (w) x 3-1/2 in. (h)
• Colors: 7
• Cleaning: Machine washable cover
• Warranty: 1-yr. limited

Seatbelts
[P] Watson's Senior Pet Supplies Canine Auto Safety Harness

List: \$46 to \$50;
Best Price: \$26 to \$30
This model has strong stitching and

heavy-duty hardware and is made from thick material. The manufacturer says the fleece-lined seatbelt has been tested to withstand the weight of up to 2,500 lbs. and can also be used as a walking harness. Because it is constructed more like a vest than a leash, this belt spreads impact over a wider area and is less likely to wear down fine coats. It easily slips onto any seatbelt via a short leash loop—no threading the seatbelt through the back of a harness.

Features:
• Sizes: Extra small, small, medium, large and extra large
• Warranty: Guaranteed against defects in materials and manufacturing



Kurgo Auto Zip Line seatbelt

[M] Kurgo Auto Zip Line
List: \$40; Best Price: \$40
An ingenious invention, the Kurgo Auto Zip Line lets your safely belted pet walk back and forth across the backseat while keeping you and it

safe in case of a sudden stop. You also can attach the seatbelt directly

through the harness. The harness has been tested to withstand the weight of up to 2,500 lbs. and can also be used as a walking harness.

The FM channel prevents your pooch from receiving shocks, the company says, that can be

DogWatch hidden fence and collar



Kurgo Auto Zip Line seatbelt

[E] Bamboo Quick Connect Leash + Seat Belt Leash

List: \$15 to \$20;
Best Price: \$10.75 to \$15
This is a leash with a 1/2-in. seatbelt buckle. The seatbelt attachment snaps right into the seatbelt buckle in your car. It's extremely convenient, and other harnesses require the use of a few models in the line has the seatbelt and function. The seatbelt and the dog needs a collar.
Features:
• Sizes: Small and medium
• Warranty: Satisfaction guaranteed, company's product

Underground Fences

[P] DogWatch System Performer
List: \$1,450; Best Price: \$1,450
This series is the most advanced in the line, featuring a variety of optional accessories and a remote control system.

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Features:
• Sizes: Small, medium, large and extra large
• Warranty: 1-yr.



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