

Pets

So fur, so good

Tried and true products keep pets safe, healthy



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MANUFACTURERS of pet products constantly tout their wares as “the newest,” “the best” or “the ultimate.” But here are three products that my pets and I feel really are all that.

Pesticides used by exterminators are a leading cause of accidental pet poisoning. But EcoSmart (EcoSmart.com) is a pet-safe, nontoxic roach and ant killer that’s made of organic, botanical, food-grade ingredients. It works, it smells nice, and it’s safe to use in the kitchen — a favorite hangout of pests AND pets.

To maintain healthy cell function, humans can take the antioxidant supplement Juvenon. Now, senior dogs can stay youthful by taking Juvenon’s canine equivalent, formulated by the same scientists: Vigorate Nourishing Dog Treats (Vigorate.com) are chewy micronutrient morsels that help reduce oxidation, which causes aging.

Oral disease is a silent dog and cat killer, which makes brushing pets’ teeth daily a must. But busy pet owners



often put off this vital chore. My cat Cyrus recently underwent a tooth-cleaning at the Humane Society of New York’s excellent clinic, and I’m ashamed to say that several of his teeth had to be extracted as a result of my brushing negligence.

It doesn’t help that most pets hate having their teeth brushed, which is why Healthy Mouth water (HealthyMouth.com) is a dogsend: It’s a noninvasive oral-care system with an organic, enzyme-and-chlorophyll drink that’s used in place of a pet’s regular water. It reduces bacteria in a pet’s mouth by 80 percent and prevents plaque buildup. Adult and senior pets will first need to get their teeth cleaned under anesthesia by a vet. But after that, they too can drink their way to oral health.

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Cyrus, whose teeth were just cleaned by dental technician Denise Meachum, now drinks Healthy Mouth to reduce bacteria.