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It's truly amazing how much our canine companions teach us about life, if only we take the time to listen. The inspiration for our latest saying comes from a carefree canine riding in a car with his head sticking out of the window and ears flapping in the breeze. While we don't condone this behavior, the pooch was obviously enjoying himself immensely. This vision inspired: Life's Too Short To Drive With Your Head Inside.

If you feel this way, you'll love our new bumper sticker! Check it out today in our Puppy Paws and More section or click on the bumper sticker above. We also have the saying on a variety of our other products including mugs, t-shirts and more.

BOO! Our Halloween section is now open! If you need a little something to show your Halloween spirit, check out our matching t-shirts for you and your furry friend.

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2. Brain Stimulating Toys

Brain Stimulating Toys Copyright © OurDogHouse

As the long, warm days of summer relinquish their reign to the colder days of the approaching winter, your pooch still needs playtime. There are a lot of toys on the market today, from brightly colored balls to cute squeaky plush toys, to fill any pup's toy box. However, there is one group of toys that is sure to stimulate your pet's brain cells while he or she plays.

In 1993, Nina Ottosson created Zoo Active Products. Nina's line of toys went beyond the basic toss and squeak. She created what she describes as a line of dog-activating toys and games. By their design and function,

they mentally stimulate and educate your pet in a positive manner. The activity toys allow dogs to work with different ways of problem solving to find hidden snacks. These include lifting blocks, pushing pieces, and turning discs, etc. These types of toys are great for the dog and the dog owner. For dogs, they allow an outlet for energy that might otherwise be put into other activities such as chewing, which dog owners do not appreciate. While the games are being used, dogs and owners have more contact with each other, providing a great environment for bonding. At the same time, there is a learning process in a positive environment.

The toys are also great for dogs that are injured or cannot move about freely. Nina's complete line of toys can be used both indoors or out. They match your pet's natural movements and instincts to find hidden snacks. Dogs will quickly learn to push, turn, and lift pieces to get their treats. Many veterinarians, dog trainers, and dog psychologists recommend the games. To find Nina's line of brain simulating toys [click here.](#)

3. A Walk in the Park

Strolling Along - Part I Copyright © OurDogHouse

A pet stroller can be just what you need for you and your pet to enjoy the great outdoors. They are ideal for both smaller breeds that have shorter legs and older dogs that may not be able to walk as far as you would like to go.

Animal medicine and pet health continue to improve. As a result, like us, cats and dogs are living longer. However, as they get older, many develop arthritis, hip dysplasia, and more. These ailments cause many pets to slow down and require assistance. A pet stroller is a great way to help your pet get around. They also allow senior citizens and other owners to take their pets outside without fear that the pet will run off.

Pet strollers are available in a variety of designs and prices. There are several factors you should consider before making your purchase. First, a stroller must be able to handle your pet's weight and size. To be comfortable, your pet must be able to sit, stand, lay down and turn around in the stroller.

Next, consider the terrain where you and your pet are likely to be strolling. Regular wheels are made for paved walkways and sidewalks. If the terrain you normally travel is rough, or you are likely to be off pavement, purchase a stroller with larger wheels. This will make the stroller easier to navigate under less than ideal conditions. Some models even have wheels with suspension and shock absorbers! If you plan on jogging, consider a three-wheel model, which will keep the stroller steady.

Other important considerations are the comfort and safety features that will affect how happy you and your pet will be with your pet stroller. What type of opening is there for getting your pet in and out of the stroller? Mesh windows are great for keeping out bugs, which might bother your pet. However, make certain that they allow for adequate ventilation. Wind and

rain covers allow your pet to come with you no matter what the weather. Look for safety features such as brake locks and reflectors.

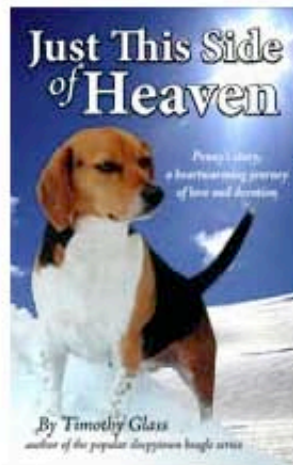
Think about whether you will be traveling with your pet stroller and where you will store it. Many models are collapsible, similar to traditional baby strollers. Some models have a removable basket that doubles as a carrier or car seat.

Lastly, many models have amenities such as removable, washable padded inserts, cup holders, places for your cell phone and pet treats and other storage. Decide whether you'll use these and if they are worth the additional expense.

The bottom line is that pet strollers are a great way to keep your pet mobile! Next month, we'll look at tips to help your pet acclimate to a stroller once you've purchased it.

4. Just This Side of Heaven

See what people around the country are saying about *Just This Side of Heaven*, By Timothy Glass.



A must read, no matter what breed of dog you love. I found the chapter on the "Dash" to be powerful and meaningful; not only as a pet lover, but in my own life. *James Miller, Dallas, TX*

I am a dog lover, and had lost my beloved bulldog. I came away after reading this book with a healing feeling; not only about my pet, but also the loss of my mother. Thank you for a wonderful book.

L. Paulson, White Plains, New York

Be prepared to laugh, cry, and look at the right of passage in a new and different way. A wonderful story told in a masterful way.

Albert Williams, Champaign, Illinois

The forever-young syndrome that Timothy Glass talks about in the book hits the nail on the head for every pet lover. A must read!

Jake Davis, Malibu, California

[Click here](#) to learn more or to purchase the book. \$11.95 for a limited time from the website.

Until We Bark Again

We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter and we welcome you to forward this issue to anyone else who might also enjoy it. If you have

comments or suggestions for future stories, we'd love to hear them! Please feel free to send an email to [OurDogHouse](#)