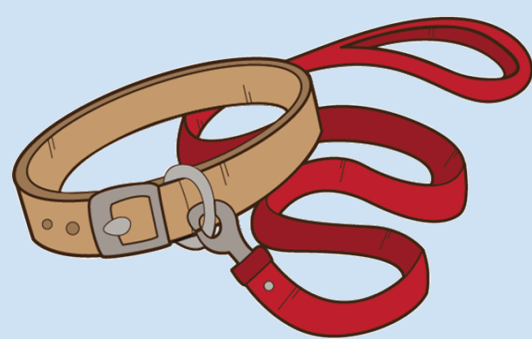


Pet-chems: The Secret Ingredient Behind Healthy, Happy Pets

In honor of National Pet Awareness Month, let's look at the many ways that oil & natural gas help keep your pet healthy and happy.

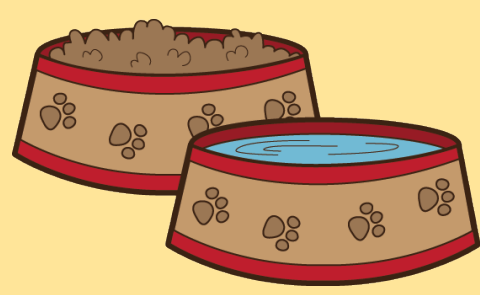
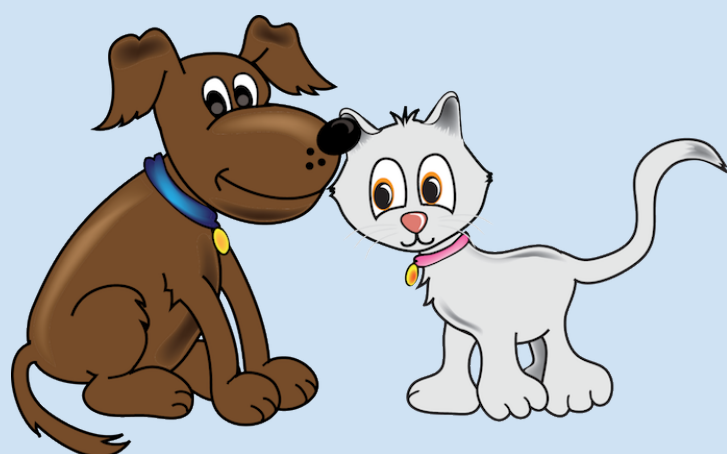
First, a little background ...

Plastic and synthetic materials like polyester and nylon are made from petrochemicals—essential chemical building blocks that are derived from oil and natural gas.



For instance, many pet collars and leashes are made of polyester or nylon, as are pet strollers and backpacks.

Even their microchips—which increase their chance of being returned, should they have the bad judgment to run away—wouldn't be possible without petrochemicals.

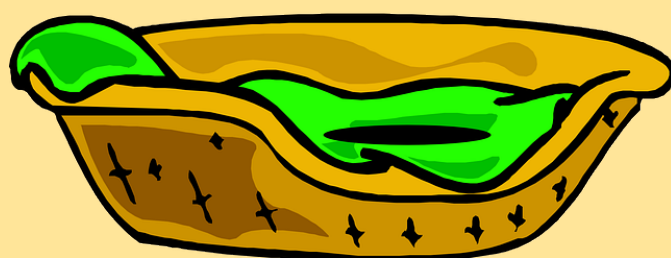


When it's chow time, petrochemicals again come to the rescue. From packaging that keeps pet food fresh to their bowls, feeders, and fountains, petrochemicals are the key to keeping your pets well-fed and watered.



And what would life be without toys to play with? From "da bird" cat toys to chew toys that (probably totally fail to) protect your shoes, toys made of plastic and synthetic fabrics help pets safely exhaust themselves.

Petrochemicals also help keep your pets healthy. The disposable syringes that keep them vaccinated against rabies and the dispensers that keep them free of fleas and ticks are made of plastic, as is the "cone of shame" that keeps them from licking their unmentionables after they get fixed. (You did get your pet spayed or neutered, didn't you?)



Even the comfy fleece of their dog bed or cat tree that (hopefully) keeps them off the bed is made from petchems.



To find out more about the ways that petrochemicals make modern life possible, visit www.afpm.org