

## Delaware Pets: For pet presents, there's a pile of possibilities

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If it's the holidays, it must be time for an avalanche of present possibilities, and increasingly, pets are included in the pile.

I tested four new items for pets. Here's my take on whether you might want to consider them for your pets, or for holiday gifts.

### **auggiedog**

A few months ago I poked some gentle fun at devices that vacuum up dog poo, but I have to admit the auggiedog device seems to work very well.

Basically, it's a mobile device activated by controls on the handle. It works like an auger – get it? The wand has a handle with a cylinder on the end that holds the mechanism that can be set to spin and pick up poo. Reverse spin dumps it in whatever receptacle you choose.

It's got a base you can use to store it upright. The cleaning canister comes with a cleaning solution.

To clean it, you fill the canister, stick the business end of the wand in and hit the on button. Not all messes are on the inside, so be prepared to wipe down the outside.

It comes with a rechargeable battery, and although the unit is plastic it seems to be pretty well made. I left it outside in freezing cold and rain, and it still works fine.

I can see this being very useful for someone with mobility issues, or someone squeamish. It has a light that is helpful at night and a training whistle, which is kind of mystifying.

It costs \$150. The refill cleaning solution is \$20. Check it out at [auggiedog.com](http://auggiedog.com).