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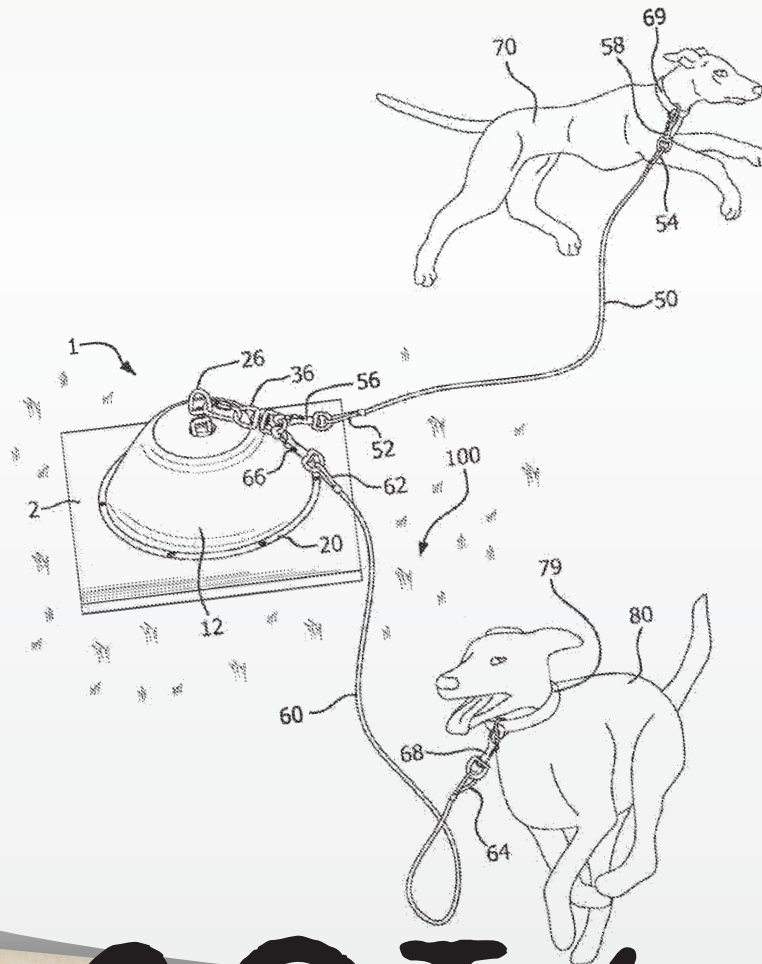
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## ABSTRACT

(57) A double dog run system utilizes a system of uniquely configured swivel members attached via a ground anchor to a container with sloped surfaces. Two dog leashes are connected to the swivel members by rotatable clamp members. The resulting system causes separation of the leashes when they are crossed, and compels the leashes to slide down the sloped surface of the container to the ground. The system guarantees that the leashes will never tangle, regardless of the speed and direction of movement of the dogs attached at the other ends of the leashes.

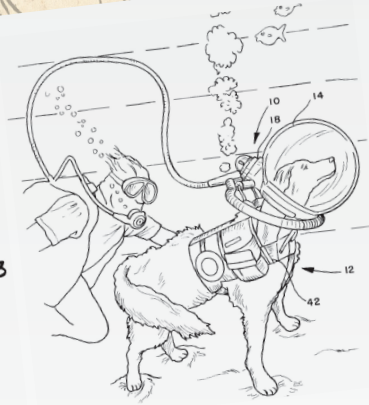
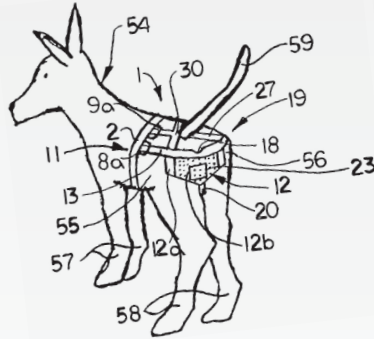
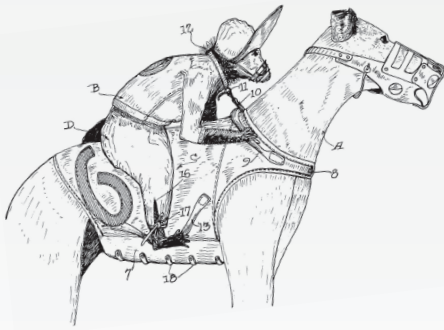


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# THE PATSCAN CALENDAR OF BIZARRE PATENTS FOR 2014

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To start off the New Year, the traditional PATSCAN calendar of bizarre patents presents some of the world's most interesting inventions, celebrating the human creativity that began when the first hominids banged rocks together to make tools.

The theme for 2014 is patents for and about dogs. Dogs have been parasitic on humans since the Stone Age, and now dogs have reversed the relationship so that humans are dependent on them. This collection of patents illustrates the lengths dog people will go to shower loving care upon their canine friends.

As a high tech example, over two dozen patents have been filed for providing cellular phone service to dogs including Korean patent KR100614750 "MOBILE PHONE FOR INFORMING PET DOG'S FEELING" which may be a breakthrough in interspecies communications.

Regarding the issue of patents, I am always amazed at the generosity of patent offices, especially the USPTO in their unflagging willingness to grant patents for perpetual motion machines and a wide range of other bizarre inventions that challenge the concepts of novelty, obviousness and sanity. Some examples of these may be found on the "Publications" section of my webpage in the listing of previous year's calendars.

From the Stone Age to the Nuclear Age, some of the greatest advances in technology were weapons of war; possibly in this millennium we may see sustainable technologies turned towards the survival of the planet, the ecosystem and the human race.

Successful technologies are rare: even scientists in the great research corporations base a small percentage of successful inventions on a large number of failures. Often the most profitable inventions were accidents, such as "Post-It" notes. I salute the inventors of the world who have had the courage to hitch their wagon to a star.

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# JANUARY

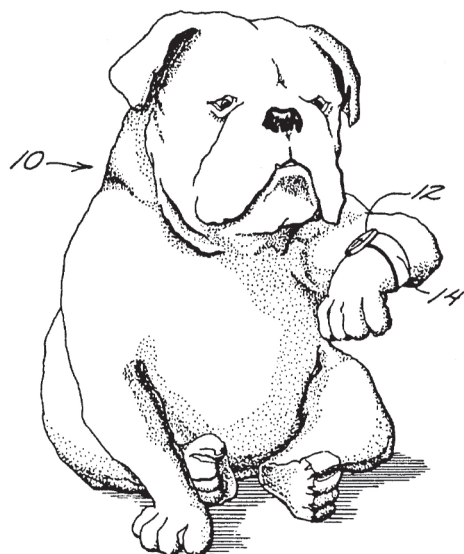
Clock for Keeping Time at a Rate Other Than Human Time

US5023850

Rodney Metts, Thomas Barry

November 6, 1991

A novelty clock, watch, and the like for keeping time at an animal's rate, defined in terms of a multiple of human rate by dividing the average lifetime of a particular animal into the average lifetime of a human being. The multiple for dogs is seven, for example. The display is the usual clock face with the speed of the hands altered, preferably also with the data indicated as the number of days since the last "new year" in animal days. A digital display of time in human terms may be provided with an analog display of time in animal terms or, alternatively, a capability to switch from one to the other may be provided. Preferably, a variable resistor, between the frequency source and producing means allows the user to change the multiple for different types of animals.



*"Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for the soul as prayer."* - Dean Koontz, False Memory

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05	06 Epiphany	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Blessing of the Animals at the Cathedral Day	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (US)	21	22	23	24 Belly Laugh Day	25 Burns Night
26	27	28	29	30	31 Inspire Your Heart with Art Day Chinese New Year	01

# FEBRUARY

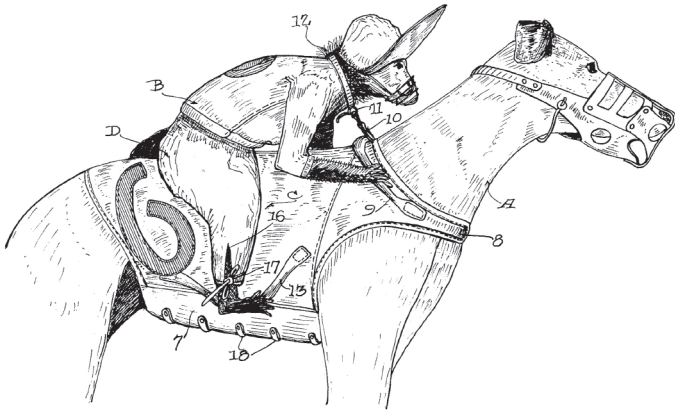
Combined Racing Greyhound [WWW.PATSCAN.COM](http://WWW.PATSCAN.COM)  
 Harness and Rider Supporting Means

US1926420

Rennie Renfro

September 12, 1933

The principal object of the invention is to provide a novel and unique harness construction that will provide a comfortable dog fitting apparatus and a co-operating monkey rider support that will safely retain the monkey jockey on the back of the greyhound. The intention is a safe, humane, unique and most efficient means for retaining the simian jockey on the racing charge.



*“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight  
 - it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”* - Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Groundhog Day						
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Family Day, British Columbia				Valentine’s Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	President’s Day (US) Family Day (CAN)					
23	24	25	26	27	28	01

# MARCH

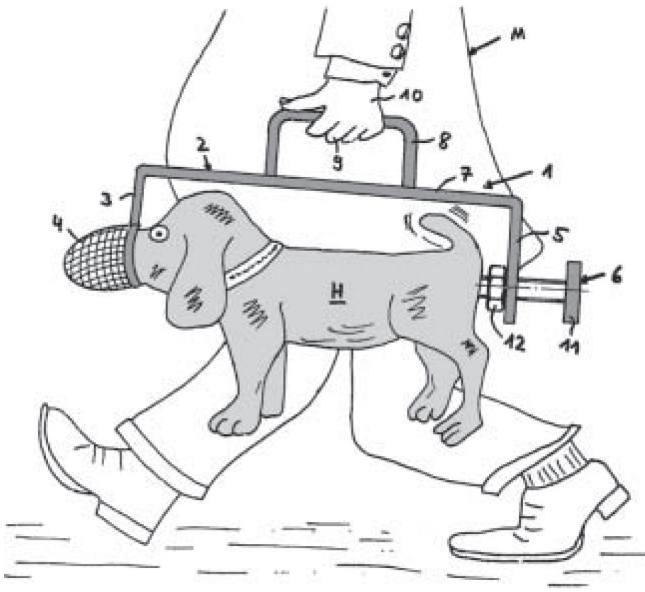
## Stretcher, In Particular to the Transport of Living Animals

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Helga Burk

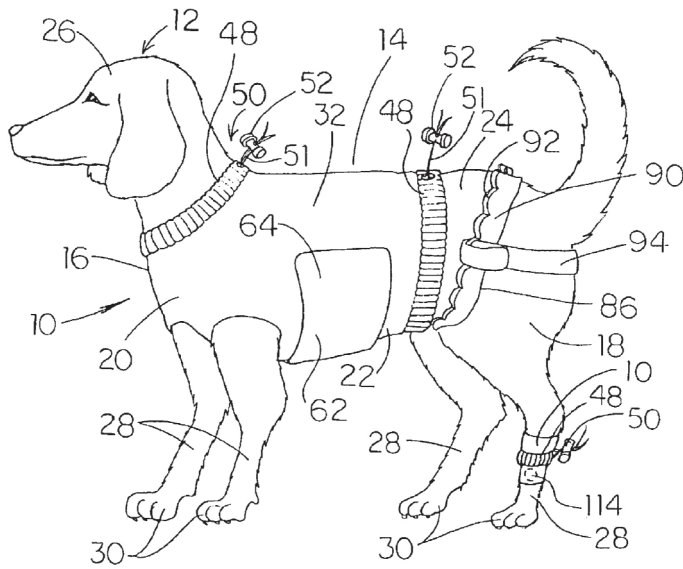
January 17, 1983

The apparatus is a novel carrier for living animals, preferably female dogs, which consists of a frame provided with a muzzle at one end to accommodate the dog's snout and with an adjustable screw that favourably fits in the animal's back opening. The screw can be adjusted in length.



*"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend.  
Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."* - Groucho Marx

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02	03	04 Mardi Gras	05	06	07	08 International Women's Day
09 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Day of Awesomeness Commonwealth Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



US682057401

Susan D. Sharpe

November 23, 2004

A new and improved animal garment for contacting various acupressure points of its wearer. In other aspects of the invention, there is provided a new and improved animal garment with an elastic or adjustable collar, an elastic or adjustable belly flap, an elastic or adjustable lumbar band, and means for securing the garment to the wearer. Claim 1. An animal garment having one or more constrictors, each said constrictor being positioned over known acupressure points of the wearer, said constrictors being adjustable to apply a desired amount of pressure to said acupressure points thereby to reduce anxiety behaviour in the wearer.

*"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us.  
Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."* - Winston Churchill

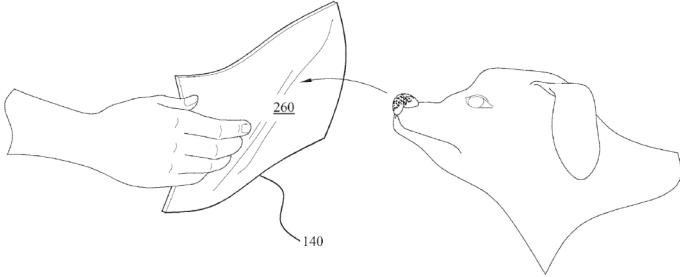
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06 National Tartan Day	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday (CAN)	19
20 Easter Sunday Palm Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Hug an Australian Day
27	28	29	30	01	02	03

US 20090188617

Susan R. Harsh

July 30, 2009

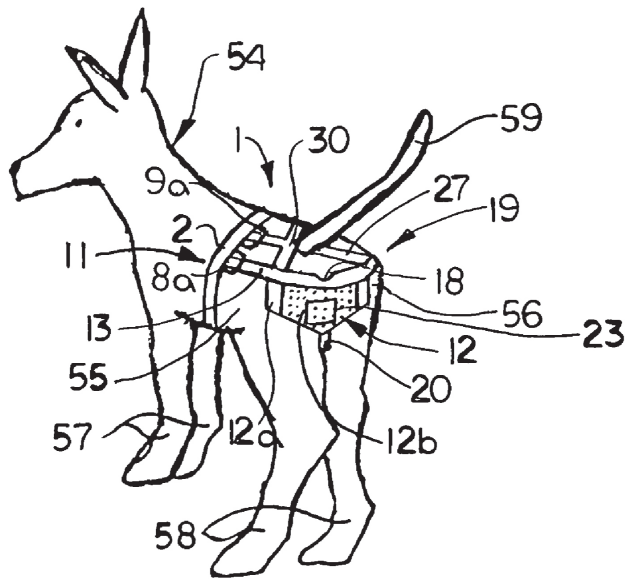
A kit and method that converts dog nose smudges deposited on a first surface into a form of dog nose art on a second surface. 1. A method of providing a dog nose smudge laminate (320), comprising: applying dog nose powder (240) to at least one dog nose smudge (300) to provide at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305);collecting said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305), wherein said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305) is collected on a surface (260) of a dog smudge display layer (140);applying a transparent layer (160) over said surface (260) of said dog smudge display layer (140); and sandwiching said dog smudge display layer (140) and said transparent layer (160) between a top window layer (180) and a base layer (120) to provide a dog nose smudge laminate (320).....



*"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts."* - John Steinbeck Journal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	01 May Day	02	03
04	05 Cinco De Mayo	06	07	08	09 Lost Sock Memorial Day	10
11 Mothers Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19 Victoria Day (CAN)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day (US)	27	28	29	30 Return of the Slugs Day Amnesty International Day	31

# JUNE



US6565518

Dexter I. Blanch

October 27, 2009

One illustrative embodiment of the animal chastity device includes a fastening device and a barrier harness detachably fastened to the fastening device. The barrier harness includes a rear fastening strap detachably fastened to the fastening device, a barrier panel carried by the rear fastening strap and a center fastening strap extending from the barrier panel and detachably fastened to the fastening device. A bite-repelling mechanism may be provided in at least one of the fastening device and the barrier harness.

*"Owning a dog is slightly less expensive than being addicted to crack."*

- Jen Lancaster, Bitter is the New Black

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04	05 Festival Of Popular Delusions Day	06	07
08 Pentecost	09 Pentecost Monday	10	11	12	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 Flag Day (US)
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice National Aboriginal Day
22	23	24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)	25	26	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05



# JULY

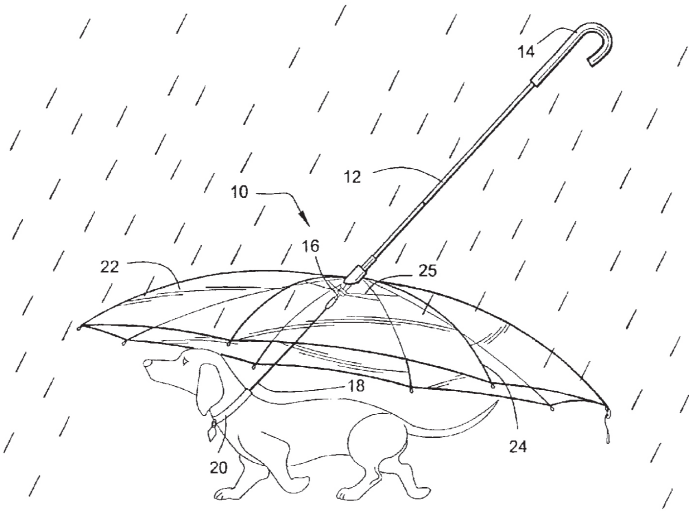
## Pet Umbrella and Combined Pet Leash and Umbrella

US6871616

Irina Zhadan-Milligan

March 29, 2005

A pet umbrella combines an umbrella and a leash. The umbrella includes a shaft carrying a canopy moveable between open and closed positions. In the open position, the convex side of the canopy faces the umbrella handle. A leash is secured to the opposite end of the shaft on the concave side of the canopy. The canopy is preferably oval in plan and formed of clear plastic see-through material. The major axis of the oval defined by the canopy forms a plane with the shaft whereby the shaft forms an included angle in the plane with the shaft of less than 90 degrees and preferably about 30 degrees -60 degrees.



*“DOG: A kind of additional or subsidiary Deity designed to catch the overflow or surplus of the world’s worship.” - Ambrose Bierce*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	01 Canada Day (CAN)	02	03	04 Independence Day (US)	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14 National Nude Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Parents Day Take Your Pants for a Walk Day	28	29	30	31	01	02

# AUGUST

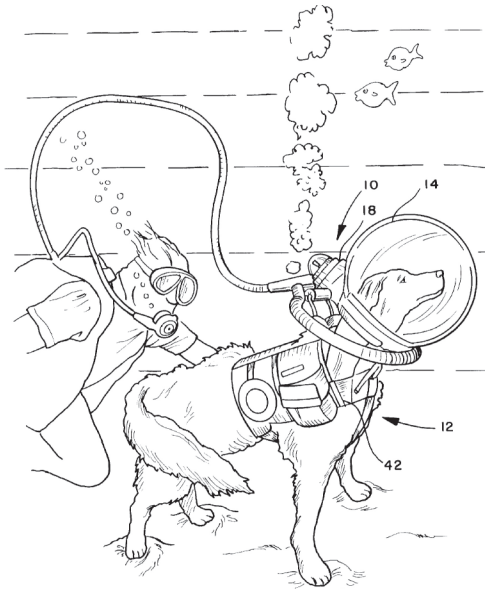
## Canine Scuba Diving Apparatus

US6206000

Dwane L. Folsom

March 27, 2001

The invention is a special modified scuba diving apparatus intended for use by an animal, and more specifically the famous diving dog "Shadow." The invention includes a helmet, a harness for supporting the helmet and a source of breathable gas, a special regulator providing a supply of breathable gas to the interior of the helmet, an exhaust for withdrawing exhaled air and residue water from the helmet without depressurizing the helmet, and a system of weights to compensate for the buoyancy of the user, and to counteract a net moment created about the center of buoyancy. The breathing system includes a muffler. An intercom system for providing voice instructions to Shadow can also be included.



*"You can say any fool thing to a dog and the dog will just give you this look that says, My GOSH, you're RIGHT! I NEVER would've thought of that!" - Dave Barry*

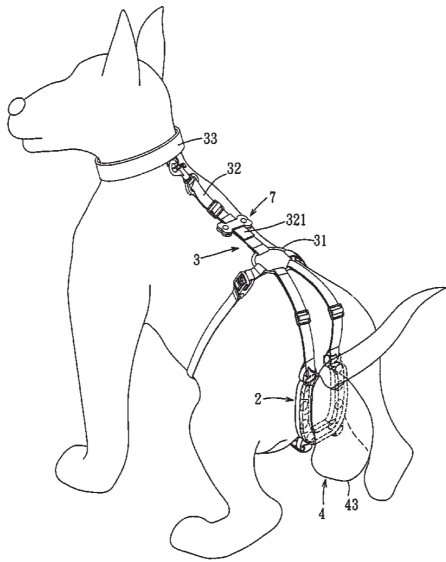
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03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Friendship Day	Civic Holiday (CAN)					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Bad Poetry Day					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Kiss and Make Up Day Burning Man	National Dog Day				

# SEPTEMBER

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Environmental Friendly  
Animal Excrement Collector



US7461616

Chia-Chen Tsai

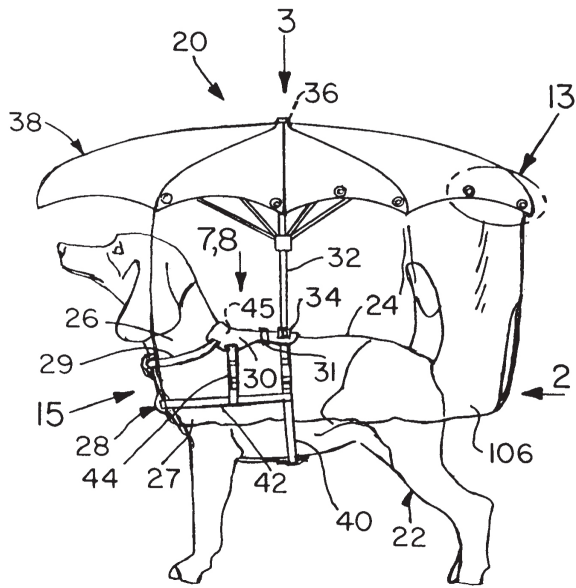
September 12, 2008

An environmental friendly animal excrement collector includes: a supporting base including a first pad and a plurality of first magnetic tablets, the first pad being formed with a plurality of spaced apart first retaining holes that are distributed along the length of the first pad, each of the first magnetic tablets being received in a respective one of the first retaining holes; and a collecting device including a second pad, a plurality of second magnetic tablets, and a flexible collecting bag connected to the second pad. The second pad is formed with a plurality of second retaining holes. Each of the second magnetic tablets is received in a respective one of the second retaining holes and is attracted magnetically to a respective one of the first magnetic tablets.

*"My dog is half pit-bull, half poodle.*

*Not much of a watchdog, but a vicious gossip!" - Craig Shoemaker*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01 Labor Day (US) Labour Day (CAN)	02	03	04	05	06
07 Grandparents Day	08	09	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20
21 International Day of Peace	22	23 Fall Equinox	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	01	02	03	04



US5918611

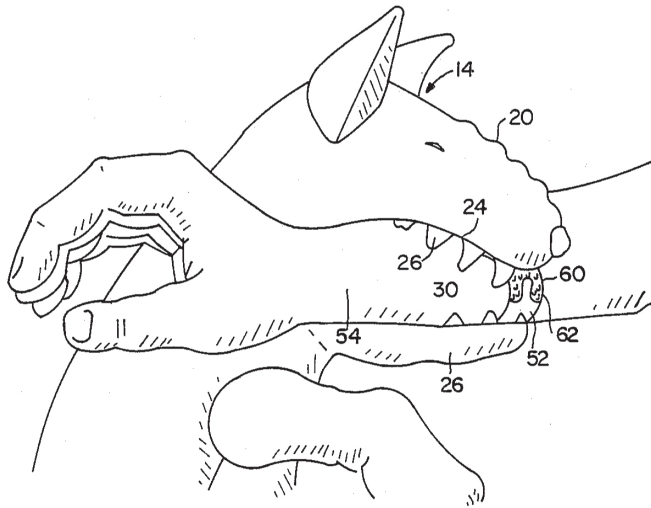
Michael Amato

July 6, 1999

An animal umbrella that is adaptable to a conventional animal harness and collar. The animal umbrella includes a saddle, saddle attaching apparatus, a vertical shank, vertical shank attaching apparatus, and a foldable canopy. The saddle is detachably mounted to the conventional animal harness and is pivotally mounted to the conventional animal collar. The saddle has a lower surface. The saddle attaching apparatus detachably mounts the saddle to the conventional animal harness. The vertical shank has a proximal end with a cross section and a distal end with a cross section. The vertical shank is detachably mounted to the saddle at the proximal end of the vertical shank. The vertical shank attaching apparatus detachably mounts the vertical shank to the saddle. And, the foldable canopy is mounted to the distal end of the vertical shank.

*"The more boys I meet the more I love my dog."* - Carrie Underwood

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	01	02	03	04 World Animal Day
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day (US) Thanksgiving (CAN)	14 Be Bald and be Free Day	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 United Nations Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Halloween	31	01



US4778172

William C. Bryan

October 18, 1988

An animal head suitable for attachment to a stuffed animal body is molded to form a thin shell and then filled with conforming foam rubber. The head defines open jaws that can fit around a wrist of a person and an elongated tongue that can be wrapped around the wrist and secured between the upper and lower jaws to serve as a carrying handle. By making the tongue flesh tone in color and providing a red coloration on a visible portion of the tongue, a novelty effect simulating blood dripping from a bite is achieved.

*"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience."* - Woodrow Wilson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 All Saints' Day
02 Daylight Saving Time Ends	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11 Remembrance Day (CAN) Veteran's Day (US)	12	13	14 Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day	15 Sadie Hawkins Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30				Thanksgiving (US)	Black Friday Buy Nothing Day	

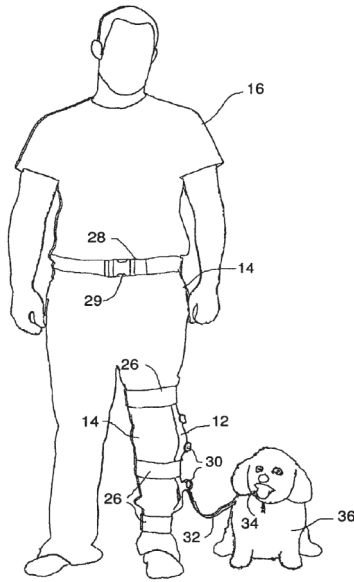
## Apparatus for Training a Dog to Heel

US7240638

Shelly Burton

October 7, 2007

An apparatus for training a dog to heel includes an elongated body adapted to be vertically positioned against an outside portion of a leg of a dog trainer. The body has a top end and a bottom end. The top end is adapted for positioning against the leg in the vicinity of the upper thigh of the dog trainer. The bottom end is adapted for positioning against the leg in the vicinity of a lower calf of the dog trainer. Straps are provided at intervals along the body. The straps are adapted for strapping the body to the leg of the dog trainer. More than one training strap coupling is positioned at spaced vertical intervals along the body. The dog trainer connects a short training strap extending to a collar of a dog being trained at a selected training strap coupling at a height of the collar of the dog.



*"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself."* - Josh Billings

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					Bathtub Party Day	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
New York SantaCon						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas	Boxing Day (CAN) Kwanzaa (US)	
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
			New Year's Eve			

# JANUARY

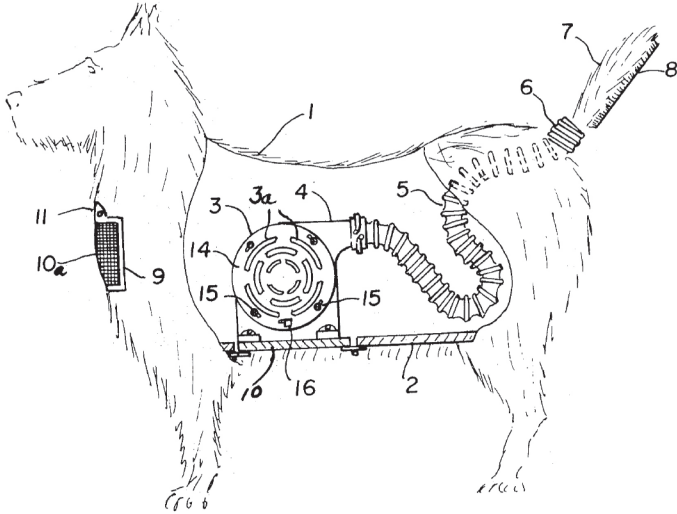
## Combination Toy Dog and Vacuum Cleaner

US3771192

Anne M. Zaleski

November 13, 1973

A toy dog closely resembling a real dog and having a hollow interior in which is mounted a vacuum cleaner having a suction hose which is retractable from the tail end of the dog. This enables vacuuming a dog after a haircut and grooming without causing fear to the dog, inasmuch as the vacuum cleaner noise is greatly muffled by such enclosure. The vacuum cleaner is convertible to a blower and air issuing from the tail end can be heated so as to serve as a dryer.



*"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."* - Andy Rooney

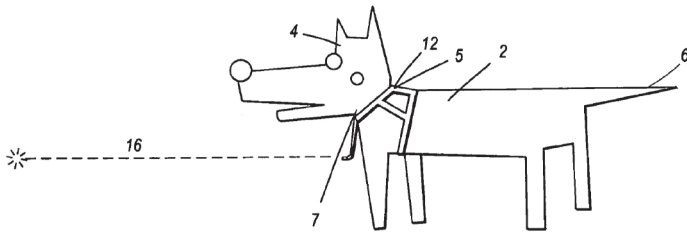
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25 Burns Night	26	27	28	29	30	31

US7066780

George R. Jamison

January 27, 2006

A pet entertainment device for the entertainment of a pet. The device having a laser device that is configured to attach to a pet though use of a garment, such as a collar. The laser device preferably controllable through use of a remote control so that the movement of the pet (dog, cat, etc.) can be directed by the pet's owner. Claim 1. A pet entertainment device for wearing by a pet, said pet having a head end and tail end, a said device comprising: a garment configured for wearing by said pet; and a laser source for producing a laser beam, said laser source attaching to said garment, said laser source configured to project said laser beam on a surface beyond said pet's head end.



*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."* - Roger Caras

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08	09 Family Day, British Columbia	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day (US) Family Day (CAN)	17 Mardi Gras	18	19 Chinese New Year	20	21
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# MARCH

Animal Ear Protectors

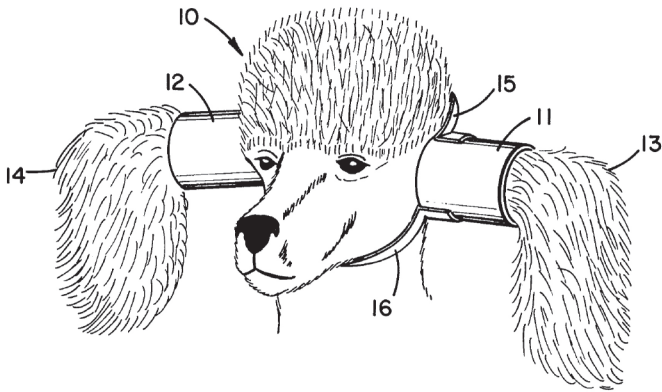
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US4233942

James D. Williams

November 18, 1980

This invention provides a device for protecting the ears of animals, especially long-haired dogs, from becoming soiled by the animal's food while the animal is eating. The device provides a generally tubular shaped member for containing and protecting each ear of the animal, and a member to position the tubular member and animal ears away from the mouth and food of the animal while it is eating.



*"Money can buy you a fine dog,  
but only love can make him wag his tail."* - Kinky Friedman

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International Women's Day						
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		St. Patrick's Day				Spring Equinox
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# APRIL

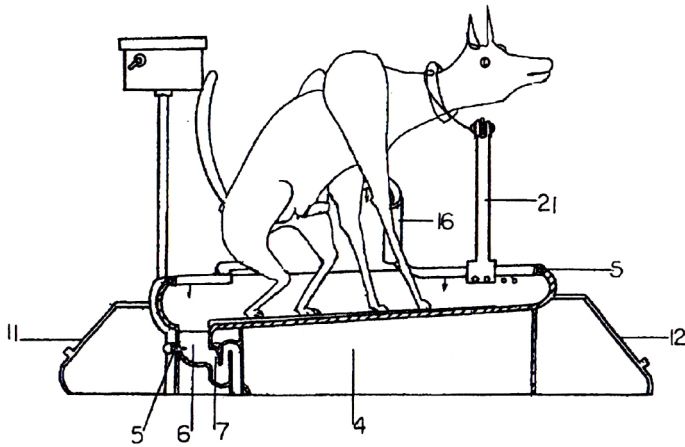
## Flush Toilet for a Dog

US6769382

Chui Wen-Chui

August 3, 2004

The flush toilet is suitable for use by dogs of various physical sizes. The toilet has two high side wall portions to collect the urine ejected by a male dog. A restraint frame is provided for retaining the dog on a leash in the toilet. The position of the restraint frame is adjustable to accommodate a dog of any size such that the excrement will drop in or close to the drain opening of the toilet. A grid pattern is formed on the inner surface of the high side wall to facilitate the male dog from urinating, and a baffle wall is provided at the front edge of the high side walls to avoid the urine from a male dog from splashing outside of the toilet.



*"Happiness is a warm puppy."* - Charles M. Schulz

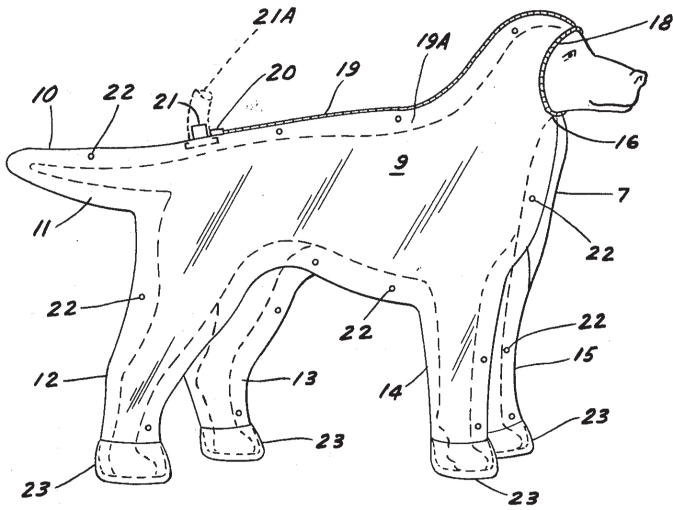
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05 Easter Sunday Palm Sunday	06 Easter Monday	07	08	09	10	11
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19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
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(Claim 1) I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is: A pliable plastic cover of the character described, comprising a body portion, terminating at one end in a hoodlike portion arranged to cover a substantial portion of the head of an animal, said hood portion having an opening therein, bound with an elastic element, the opposite end of said body portion having an extension for receiving the tail of an animal, reinforced leg portions depending from said body portion, a longitudinal opening in said body portion, a slide fastener for closing said longitudinal opening, and a plurality of vent elements arranged in spaced relation in said body portion and said leg portions.



*"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."* - Dave Barry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	01 May Day	02
03	04	05 Cinco De Mayo	06	07	08	09 Lost Sock Memorial Day
10 Mothers Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day (CAN)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Memorial Day (US)						