



pet boutique and bakery

Peyton carries a brand of dog food called Great Life, which is holistic kibble with a top layer of raw lamb, chicken or beef. She researched the food lines and found this one the best, especially for dogs with sensitivities in their skin due to food allergies. This one supplies excellent nutrition.

Next is the lead and collar room. In this room is a cat section that is always growing. "I am on the look out for really unique cat toys because they're hard to find," Peyton says. "The Bonito Flakes: cats just go crazy for them. It's shaved fish and the cats really love them and it's really reasonable. I have cat treats coming from the bakery." She has a fun selection of cat and dog bowls too.

There is a wide selection of leads and collars. Bella Beans is an attractive brand of ribbon decorated collars and a brand called Around the Collar, which is hand made in New York featuring beautiful workmanship. Many of these are made of leather with metal or jeweled stones worked in. A matching belt can be made for the pet owner by special order. Easy-on pet harnesses by Puppia are made of soft fabric and mesh and come in all colors and sizes with an extra wide arm hole so there is no chafing.

In the spa section there are a couple of lines of products to keep your pet clean and pampered even if

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Your Dog's Best Friend... and Cats Too!

By Gail Penniman

At 408 Trout Gulch Road in a quaint yellow house, the shop called Bark Place fulfills the pet owner's dream for completely unique and quality dog and cat merchandise. In every corner of this well-stocked store, the shopper is met with pet treasures sure to please. Big dogs will find great toys, collars and clothes here and so will those tiny frou-frou dogs.

Peyton Bachan, the shop's new owner, is herself a pet lover and owner of Tank, a truly stunning English bulldog. Peyton's son is responsible for acquiring Tank, having found him online at a breeder's home in a small town in Missouri when the dog was just a few weeks old. Peyton was scheduled to fly to a friend's family reunion a few weeks later and it happened to be in the same small town in Missouri! The breeder even knew one of the family members at the reunion. Could there be anything clearer? Tank and Peyton were meant to be together.

One thing led to another and Peyton, who knew the store's previous owner for years, bought the store in April. She remodeled the interior and went to Atlantic City, New Jersey to a huge Buyer's Show to get fabulous new items - lots of them - to open with. She has been operating for a few weeks with the grand opening on June 15. There was

a sidewalk sale, food and wine, a dog trainer, a pet communicator and a pet photographer.

A tour of the store reveals the many interesting things that she carries and new things arrive everyday. In the front room the first thing you see is a bakery display case with a vast array of biscuits and treats that look so yummy and delicious that Peyton says "they're all edible by humans. We've been known to nibble on them. We have a few that are hypoallergenic. I've been having a lot of fun looking at all these differ-

ent bakeries for treats, even with low fat or no fat for a pet with pancreatitis."

The middle room is the apparel room. Sizes range from extra, extra small to triple extra large in T-shirts, sweaters and sports jerseys. As the seasons change they will get more sweaters, coats, raingear, and boots. Mailboxes and topiaries are available for any breed. Sturdy bones, small and tough toys as well as bulk treats are available. There are dog birthday supplies and a huge assortment of pet related greeting cards.

they have sensitive skin and Peyton carries pet bath wipes with no fragrance for a quick pet clean up that really works. There are tinctures for pets that get car sick or nervous.

The furminator is the most incredible shedding tool for grooming dogs and cats. Urine-Off will eliminate the odor and stain, even on old spots and Peyton carries the black light to locate the spots.

In the "bedroom," Peyton has a wide variety of styles and sizes of beds that are fully machine washable. She has all kinds of puppy items including Snuggle Puppy, an extra soft sleep item containing a heartbeat. There are pet strollers and harnesses for the car. She carries many products for pet memorial such as urns, alters, grief cards, books and garden art.

Bark Place is working on philanthropic activities in conjunction with the S.P.C.A. Peyton loves coming to work each day and her store is a fun place to shop, for the pet and the owner.

On July 4th, Bark Place will have a float in the Aptos parade and there will be another sidewalk sale afterward.

Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 AM to 6:30 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4:30 PM. Located at 408 Trout Gulch Road, Aptos. Phone: 831-687-0303

