

# ODYSSEY PETS

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Dallas, Tx. 75254

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-8pm, Sunday 12-6pm

Early drop off for grooming, boarding, & daycare available by appointment.

## Pet Service Experts in:

Grooming, Boarding, Daycare, Aquarium Service & Installation



## EVENTS:

- Feral Friends Cat Adoptions: 3rd Sunday of every month
- Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

Upcoming Dates (times subject to change):

Saturday, April 25th 1:00-4:00pm

Saturday, May 23rd 1:00-4:00pm

Saturday, June 20th 1:00-4:00pm

Saturday, July 18th 1:00-4:00pm



- Dog Adoptions: check our website for updated schedules

[www.odysseypets.com](http://www.odysseypets.com)



If we wouldn't use it for our pets,  
we wouldn't sell it for yours.

**Always natural.  
Always healthy.**



**Don't forget  
your bags.  
Odyssey  
bags 99¢.**



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## The ODYSSEY BARKER

*making some noise about pets & toys*

Odyssey Pets named

## Best Overall Retailer 2015

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# Best Overall Pet Retailer 2015

the **Retailer Excellence Awards**

Thank you for helping make Odyssey Pets the Best Overall Single Unit Pet Retailer, as named at this year's Global Pet Expo. Last year, Odyssey won the Retailer Excellence Award for Best Multi-Service Retailer. We are so honored to receive these prestigious awards. Thank you to our awesome customers and wonderful staff.



## BEST SELLERS



### Chicken Bark

Made in Texas with Texas Chickens!  
Only \$9.99



Full-length cow tails **\$2.99**

### BULLY STICKS

As low as \$4.16 per piece for USA bullies. It doesn't get better than that!



### Nut R Nipz

15oz. of peanutty awesomeness. A steal at \$4.99



### LUCKY BUCK ANTLERS

Grade A. Long-lasting, stain & odor free. Guaranteed.



## Kitty Korner



Now available! **Nulo Freestyle Grin Free Cat Cans.** Not only is Nulo made in Austin, TX, it's grain free. Nulo has one of the highest protein and lowest carbohydrate contents of pet food on the market today. Ask for a sample of the kibble and give it a try!



## FINALLY, CATNIP IS LEGAL IN TEXAS



Just kidding...it's always been legal. Catnip is a member of the mint family. Nepetalactone is the active ingredient found in the leaves & stems of the catnip plant that causes a hallucinogenic effect in cats. The high only lasts 5-10 minutes. Some sources say that only 50% of cats are affected by catnip as it is an inherited sensitivity. Catnip is not harmful to your cat. It is impossible to "overdose" on nip so no need to worry about rehab. We love Yeowww! Brand catnip toys because they are packed full of catnip, not stuffing.

Fun fact: the active ingredient in catnip is more effective than Deet at repelling mosquitoes



**Yeowww! Rainbow \$7.99**



**Yeowww! Catnip \$4.99**



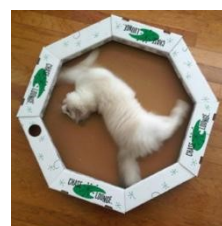
**Stinkies 3 for \$10**



**Yeowww! Banana, Apple, Lemon \$7.99 each**



**Yeowww! Fish \$7.99**



**The Chase Lounge** is great for keeping your catnip in one place instead of all over your floor. Ping pong ball in the channel adds for extra stimulation. Sustainable, recyclable. Only \$9.99



**Yeowww! Cigar \$5.99**



# Dreading the Shedding?

Got too much fur around the house instead of on the dog? There are easy, natural remedies to help diminish the fuzzies in your home. First, better nutrition. What goes in the body is reflected on the outside. A high quality diet rich with meat protein that does not have by-product, corn, gluten, or other fillers will help with allergies, shedding, etc.

Grizzly

Lyne's tip:

Brush matts out before the bath. Water will make the matts tighter.

Nutritional supplements like

**Salmon Oil** help the immune system as well as support a healthy skin & coat which decreases shedding.

Regular bathing & brushing removes excess and loose fur and redistributes your dog's skin oils into its fur, helping it stay in place. There are different types of brushes for different types of fur. See an Odyssey associate to help you find the right brush for your dog.

An all-natural product that can also help is **Espree's Shedding Shampoo and Shedding Treatment**. It

is specially formulated to release loose hair and undercoat while it cleans and

conditions. Frequent use will reduce both seasonal and non-seasonal shedding. Lyne, Odyssey's grooming manager,

recommends using a zoomgroom to massage the shampoo into the coat. After 4-5 minutes, rinse thoroughly. Apply the Shedding Treatment and let sit for 5 minutes. Then comb and brush dry. Find Espree's Shedding Shampoo and Treatment for sale in the spa department. Want us to do it for you? No problem. Odyssey also offers this treatment as a service in addition to your dog's regular grooming.



NEW!



**Blueberry Facials** now at

Odyssey! Tear Free, Diminishes Stains, Removes Odors



**Espree's Extreme Odor Eliminator** naturally neutralizes the stink, even from skunks. Rescue your pet with Espree's proprietary blend.



# Product Spotlights & Trends



**TASMAN'S RAWHIDE**

All-natural Elk & Bison rawhides made with no hormones, no antibiotics, & no harmful chemicals. Great for dogs with allergies.

**Explorer Collars & Leashes.** Rugged, Reflective. Available in 6 colors.



One of our favorite foods now makes treats. **Earthborn Earthbites** are soft, healthy treats. Available in Skin & Coat, Hip & Joint, Peanut Butter, Chicken, Lamb, and Cheese.



**Bananas for Banana Chips**



Banana chips are a healthy treat for all kinds of pets. Find them in the dog treat, small animal, and bird sections.

**NULO PET FOOD**

Fat dog? Too many carbs can add unwanted pounds. Nulo dog food has a very low carb content but very high protein. Made in Austin, TX! Also available in feline varieties. Ask us for a sample!



**NEON SPORT HARNESES**

That's right! Neon is in. Stay in fashion with lime green, aruba blue, & hot pink mesh harnesses.



Planet Dog is back at Odyssey! This philanthropic company makes unique, quality toys.

**FROZEN GOODIES**

The enzymes in the raw bones, combined with chewing action breaks down and removes plaque.



**Vital Essentials Beef Spare Ribs**  
Good enough to barbeque \$12.99

**Beat the heat with these great treats. Find them in the frozen section.**



**SweetSpots** are all-natural, lactose free, enriched with live, active yogurt cultures. Comes 4 to a pack.





## Undergravel Success: A letter from Mike

Where did all the undergravel filters go? It's a weird question I know, but a serious one none the less. Some time ago the aquarium industry moved away (unintentionally) from UGF's (undravel filters). It probably didn't seem like a big deal at the time, but I'm beginning to think it was. Inadvertently, the industry, in an attempt at increasing turnaround sales, started designing "new tank kits" with a "hang on the back" filter instead of the cheaper UGF. The problem is that now, new tank kits are booby trapped. How, you ask?

A properly functioning UGF can run an aquarium indefinitely all by itself. The reason has to do with bacteria, nitrifying bacteria to be specific, which live in vast amounts in a well-established aquarium. In simple terms, they break down ammonia created by the fish and keep the water clean. A UGF does this by utilizing the gravel bed as the base for the bacteria to thrive. The hang on the back style aquarium filter also utilizes these bacteria but they are housed in the media rather than throughout the entire aquarium. The booby trap presents itself when we clean the tank. Invariably the individual will rinse and/or replace all of the media in the filter, clean the plants, and the inside glass, thus wiping out the entire colony of nitrifying bacteria. This gives way to a lethal increase of ammonia which ultimately leads to fish loss; all of which could have been avoided had there been a UGF in the tank. The big difference is that we don't take the gravel out of the tank when we clean it, not to mention the amount of bacteria present in a UGF supported aquarium is of a volume sufficient enough to recolonize quickly should we over clean the tank. In short, in most aquariums (excluding reef tanks and fresh water planted tanks) the UGF provides long term bio-stability for the aquarium. Generally speaking, at Odyssey Pets, we think it's better to have more than one filter on the tank anyway. For optimal results we recommend the two filter approach. This way we have built-in redundancy, which in turn allows for greater numbers of fish in the tank and a more forgiving environment for regular maintenance. But if you had to choose only one, the UGF is the safest way to manage a successful aquarium, especially a beginner's tank.

So if you're thinking about starting up a tank or just making your existing tank better, consider the tried and tested undergravel filter, and success is sure to follow.

Sincerely,  
Michael Doan  
Owner, Odyssey Pets



**Stellar Air  
Pumps  
starting at  
\$16.99**

**FRITZ  
SLUDGE  
REMOVER  
ONLY \$8.99**



## POO SNACKS? COPROPHAGIA NOTES

There are many speculations as to why dogs eat poo including nutritional deficiency, boredom, digestive issues, and compulsive behaviors. Another theory states that coprophagia is an instinctual one and part of natural dog behavior in evolutionary history. Your dog may eat their poo or others' poo for one or more of these reasons. If your dog is already on a high grade, high protein diet, there are some tricks you can try. In regards to the theory of the digestive system not utilizing all the nutrients in the food they are eating, you can supplement with a

prebiotic/probiotic that has enzymes to help the digestion process. We love the product **Microflora Plus** made by Herbsmith.



Taste deterrents work on some dogs. Try using **Bitter Yuck!** Spray on the feces for several weeks. The dog will then associate the bad taste with feces. There are also coprophagia deterrent supplements that you can give your dog that will make the poo taste bad. If you have multiple dogs, all dogs in the household have to be supplemented in order to give their poo the bad taste. We like **Naturevet Coprophagia Deterrent** tablets which are all-natural & guaranteed.

What not to do---Do not rub your dog's nose in feces. This will not fix the problem. It may make them scared of you and it may even encourage them to eat it in the future to "dispose of the evidence."



## New Puppy Check List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crate                | <input type="checkbox"/> Holistic Food  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats & Chews       | <input type="checkbox"/> Leash & Collar | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Pads           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nametag        | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stain & Odor Remover | <input type="checkbox"/> Patience       |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bitter Yuck! Spray   |   |                                |

