

# AMERICAN PRIDE: Dog Products Made in the USA

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION seems to be back and thriving. With "China Bashing" currently in vogue, more and more Americans are looking at products for themselves and their pets made in the "Good Old USA!"

The backlash stems from consumers rebelling against products made from inferior quality materials and inferior manufacturing standards to produce the product at the cheapest cost. We have now come full circle—the products are cheap, but the quality is so substandard, what's the point of buying it?

Consumers today, not only for themselves, but also for their special animal companions, want, need and are demanding better. This is why I believe we are in the second coming of "Pride from American" manufacturers. With 80 percent of everything pet-related coming through our wonderful trade arrangements with China, it takes some investigation to find products that exude America's pride in craftsmanship and ingenuity. Researching quality pet products is not only a passion of mine; it's also now my job. So here is a very small sampling of what is H-O-T in today's marketplace for those of us who appreciate the "best of the best" from the "cream of the crop" of what's home grown in America for the family dog.

One neat product if you are trying to sneak into your bedroom after your baby is already asleep is the keep-it-quiet, pet tags-in-a-bag called "The Pet Tag Silencer" by Quiet Spot, a company

located in Denver, Colorado. This gadget can keep Fido in "stealth mode" in 10 fashionable colors and prints. You can check out the Pet Tag Silencer at [www.quietspot.com](http://www.quietspot.com).

Since 1976, Kong toys have been made in Golden, Colorado. Today, millions have been sold, and many imitations have come and gone. Why? It's plain, pure and simple: Kong's performance and customer satisfaction is legendary. In a market cluttered with "wannabees," it's nice to be known as "the world's best dog toy." These toys satisfy the special chewing needs of dogs of all breeds and sizes, with quality materials and manufacturing consumers appreciate and professionals recommend. Explore their extensive product line and witness how "an American original" has become a worldwide phenomenon at [www.kongcompany.com](http://www.kongcompany.com).

When Fido has an accident, there's "Unique Pet Odor and Stain Eliminator," made in Arvada, Colorado. Unique Manufacturing & Marketing has produced an enzyme/non-pathogenic bacteria formula that breaks down the complex molecules that are then consumed by the bacteria where the byproducts are carbon dioxide and water, which evaporate. Imagine a product that works so well and is "Green" at the same time. You'll find it at [www.uniquemmm.com](http://www.uniquemmm.com).

Gamma2 Pet Food Containers, based in Vista, California, said to be "The Cadillac of Food Containers," are airtight, re-sealable pet food containers. A full spectrum of "Vittles Vaults"

from stackable to collapsible to travel feeding/storage bins keep Fido's dinner fresh and contaminate-free—all made in the good old USA. See what's in store at [www.gammaplastics.com](http://www.gammaplastics.com).

Lastly, the "Cadillac" of dog kennels is made by Priefert Manufacturing Company of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. As one of the United States' leading manufacturers of steel livestock handling equipment, Priefert has long been noted for innovative design, safe, high-quality products and superior service. Although Priefert manufactures a wide range of large animal equipment, a growing segment of their business continues to be high-quality dog kennels. Priefert's self-imposed standards ensure quality from the beginning. Commercial Grade Kennels start from Priefert's own tubing made from galvanized coils of steel. All welding is done with stainless steel wire, and the final touch of architectural-grade powder coat finish ensures that every kennel is made to handle the most abusive environments. With no tools required for assembly, Priefert's canine enclosures exemplify what "Made in America" can mean. For more information on the best kennels money can buy, go to [www.priefert.com](http://www.priefert.com). Don't forget to tell them The MuttMaster sent you!

Simply, we all want what's best for our pets. There are many American companies out there offering quality products made of quality materials with quality workmanship. Join the Real American Revolution and be good to your pet at the same time!

