

There was a time when being an ethical dog owner meant not leaving your dog's business on your neighbour's lawn. Today, social consciousness and ethical consumerism have taken the act of walking your pup to a completely new level.

It is winter in Canada, it is cold, and you are all bundled up, why shouldn't your pooch be? Step 1: Throw on his Chilly Sweater™ from [Chilly Dogs](#). A small company from Ottawa, Chilly Dogs is dedicated to using only North American fleece and materials, sewn by local workers, who are paid Canadian wages.



Puppy is rocking the sweater but you're not ready to go yet. All those chemicals found on the street and sidewalks are harsh for your buddy's paws. Step 2: Slather on some Dog Paw Protection balm by [DuSenza](#). An alternative to pesky booties, this all-natural balm hardens to protect paws from calcium, salt, cold and ice. Initially specializing in natural facial and body products, DuSenza, located in suburban Montreal, has extended its product line to include high quality, eco-friendly pet products.

Finally ready to step out the door? Step 3: Grab your Hemp Corduroy Dog Collar and attach it to

your Hemp Corduroy Dog Lead. Made of 100% hemp fibre with non-toxic dyes, the material « breathes » and will not cause irritation. From British Columbia's [Silly Kitty](#) , a company that supports the idea of responsible consumption and whose philosophy is « to provide eco-conscious consumers with an alternative to foreign made pet products ».



Doggy has left the aforementioned business on your neighbour's lawn. Step 4: Take a [Scoopie](#) out of your pocket. Better yet, you've noticed that the mitt-shaped bag conveniently fits over your own mitt or glove, sparing your already frozen fingers. 100% oxo-biodegradable, 30 in a box, Montreal-based Scoopies are sold in ethical pet stores in Canada and all over the world.

You're finally back home. It's been a long day. Your best friend deserves a treat. [Crumps' Naturals](#) will have your buddy saying « mmmmm, liver! » Their Garlic Liver Fillets are baked without grains, colours, additives or preservatives. This family-owned, Caledon, Ontario company prides itself on selling only 100% all-natural, top quality dog treats.

Your little tail-wagger is finally out for the night and you will be too. Phew, it is exhausting being such a loving and responsible dog owner, but honestly, would you want to do it any other way?

All products are available at [www.biopaw.com](http://www.biopaw.com) , another great and ethical Canadian pet

supplies store.

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