# New Products For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

## "No Shock" Anti-Barking Collar

You don't have to shock your dog to stop nuisance barking thanks to this new training collar that squirts the dog with a smelly spray.

The "Aboistop" collar is fitted with a battery-powered bark-sensing unit that sprays the dog's snout with citronella if it barks too loud and long. Dogs don't like the orangish smell of citronella but it's not offensive at low doses to humans

The spray is 100 percent safe for all dogs and people.

The manufacturer says Aboistop eliminates up to 88 percent of nuisance barking. However, most dogs will ignore the collar in emergency situations and bark anyway.

Sells for \$200 (U.S.) plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Multivet International Inc., P.O. Box 651, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada J2S 7P5 (ph 800



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### **Go-Cart Made From Walk-Behind Mower**

"As far as I know there isn't another one in the world like it," says John Jahn, Venice, Fla., who along with his grandson John turned an old Lawn Boy push mower and a toy wagon into a self-propelled "go-cart".

"My grandson John really gets a kick out of driving it. It goes up to 5 mph," says the elder Jahn.

The rig is made from a rear wheel drive Lawn Boy walk-behind mower. Jahn removed the mower's blades and front wheels. Then he joined the mower to a toy wagon (with its rear wheels removed) using a 2 by 4 frame. The cart is steered by pushing the wagon handle left or right.

"I mounted an orange flag on top of a plastic rod that mounts behind the seat so people will see him better whenever he drives the go-cart on the road. He uses a throttle mounted on the right side of the wagon to



Rig is made from a Lawn Boy push mower joined to a toy wagon.

control engine speed. An ignition key is used to start the engine and a lever on the side engages the rear wheel drive."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, John Jahn, 218 Parkview Dr., Venice, Fla. 34293 (ph 941 497-0095).

## **Foot Pedal Closes Toilet Seat Automatically**

"It couldn't be easier to use," says Tom Sharp, Losantville, Ind., about his automatic opening device for toilets that raises the seat whenever you step on a foot pedal and lowers it as soon as you let go.

The device consists of a 9-in. long metal pedal that bolts to the floor and is connected to a threaded steel rod that's attached to a bolt at the bottom of the seat. The toilet's top lid is always kept in the upright position.

"It's a simple, inexpensive way to solve an old problem," says Sharp. "We've used it in our bathrooms for three years with no problems. Women like it because the toilet seat is always left down and it's sanitary and looks good. Men like it because they don't have to bend over and don't have to touch the seat with their hands. The pedal can be mounted on either side of the toilet and is easy to install. The rod has a turnbuckle mounted on it which can be used to adjust the height of the pedal depending on the type of floor."

He's looking for a manufacturer.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tom Sharp, 604 S. Main, Losantville, Ind. 47354 (ph 765 853-5380).

Device consists of a 9-in. long pedal that bolts to the floor and is connected to a threaded rod attached to seat bottom.

Available in 1.5, 4 and 8 oz. sizes. scented candles come in seven fragrances.

## **Posthole Digger Has Spring-Loaded Scoop**

Getting dirt out of a posthole is easier with this new-style posthole digger than with conventional scissor-type diggers.

To use the "Pit Boss", you squeeze the handle and plunge the digger into the ground. Then release the spring-loaded handle to scoop the dirt and pull it out of the hole.

There are two models - one to dig a 4-ft. hole and the other for Digger features a springa 3-ft. hole. loaded scoop.



They sell for \$149 and \$129, respectively. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Victorian Postman, 5027 W. North St., Wilwaukee, Wis. 53208 (ph 414 445-2692).

## **Scented Candles Made From Soybean Oil**

Soybean oil-based candles packaged in old fashioned canning jars make great conversation pieces and look good, too.

"Harvest Lights" are scented candles available in 1.5, 4, and 8-oz. sizes. Each candle has a screw-on lid to preserve the quality of the scent between uses. Fragrances include black cherry, blueberry, cinnamon, clover, lemon, and vanilla. In addition to burning cleaner than traditional candles, with no sooty residues, the candles have a lower melting point so they burn cooler. This allows their long-lasting, pleasant aromas to quickly scent the air.

The 4-oz. jars sell for \$4.50 apiece (1 to 5) or \$4.00 apiece (6 or more). The 8-oz. jars sell for \$6.95 apiece (1 to 5) or \$6.00 each (6

A 6-pack sampler gift pack containing 1.5 oz. bottles of all six fragrances sells for \$9.95. Add \$4.50 S&H to all orders.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Indiana Soybean Board, 5757 West 74th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46278 (ph 317 347-3620 or 888 326-4458; 800 735-0195 in Indiana).

## Portable Grill Looks Like A Keg Of Beer

This new portable grill looks like a beer keg.

The "Keg-a-Que" is a steel grill built into a keg that's cut in half. It has two vents and legs that fold up and lock in place against the top half. A big handle lets you carry the unit around like a suitcase

Sells for about \$50.

A propane model equipped with a heat shield, burner tube, and regulator is also available. It also sells for about \$50.

Retrofit kits that let you convert either unit sell for \$9.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, KEG Products, Inc., Box 18606, 5001 W. Mill Rd., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218 (ph 414 353-8300; fax 8350)

"Keg-a-Que" is a steel grill built into a keg that's cut in half.



### World's First Plastic Bluebird House

"It's the first injection molded plastic bluebird house on the market," says Doug Holt, whose company, Wildlife Habitat, manufactures a new-style bluebird house out of recyclable polypropylene.

"The UV-resistant plastic resists cracking and fading and is easier to clean than conventional wooden bluebird houses," says Holt, a Holland, Mich., farmer and engineer.

Inside dimensions are 4 3/4 in. wide by 5 3/8 in. deep and 8 in. tall from the bottom to the entrance hole. There's an internal ladder for fledglings and a side access door. Suitable for western or eastern bluebirds (specify 19/16 or 11/2-in. dia. entrance hole, respectively).

Sells for \$30.

Optional mounting kit and screen mesh "coon" guard available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Gary



UV-resistant plastic bluebird house resists cracking and fading and is easy to clean.

Holt, Wildlife Habitat, P.O. Box 1021, Holland, Mich. 49422 (ph toll-free 888 259-2980 or 615 399-9318).