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Pampered Pets: Things Owners Do for Love

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Despite the current economic climate, some [pet owners](#) still want to give their animals the best of the best, and sometimes a simple belly rub or table scraps just won't do.

From first-class jet setting to manis and pedis, here are some of the crazy things that pet owners are doing for their furry friends.

Pampering

Business: [The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa](#)

Pets need pampering too, and owners are paying for their furry friends to have all the spa specials they can have at places like The Barkley.

Location: Westlake, Calif.

Services offered: The Barkley offers overnight hotel stays for animals, as well as day-spa treatments like "Paw-dicures," massages, grooming and yes, fur dying, according to Malia

Rivera, director of marketing for the hotel. The hotel also has an on-site animal hospital in case any guest needs medical attention.

Pet owners can view their pets in their hotel rooms from any computer, via Web cams, Rivera says. There are also rooms for exotic animals like rabbits, and turtles, as well as an avian area for birds. The hotel service includes three handler walks a day, two in-room dining services, as well as maid and linen service. There is also a doggie day camp available and limo service is available for pick up and drop off.

Prices: The most popular service is the Salon Groom, which breed specific, according to Rivera, and includes a mud mask, facial massage, drying cabanas, pawdicures, and hair dying. The package begins at \$30, and can go up to \$100 depending on the size of the dog or cat. Hotel stays range from \$44.50 to \$72.50 a day.

Why pet owners love it: Pets are very simply their owners' most prized possessions, says Rivera. "Similarly to how we pamper ourselves, people are using that same behavior for their pets. It's not just about getting your dog bathed. It's about the mind, body, soul and wellness of the pet."