

Pod Projects for your Pet

Try these homemade enrichment items as a fun, new item to introduce into play time with your pet. You can try these with dogs of all sizes, as well as cats! For these items, we took some used plastic coffee pods that would have otherwise been thrown out, but *small* disposable cups are also options.

Pod Puzzle

MATERIALS:

- 10-15 plastic coffee pods used for single-serve coffee machines.
- Hot glue gun & sticks
- Cardboard box top or a cut cardboard box large enough for all coffee pods to fit inside
- Optional: assorted items for decorating (e.g. construction paper, markers, etc.)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Clean out and wash coffee pods.

Step 2: Hot glue the bottom of each pod and stick to the inside of your box top. Repeat until the box top is completely full.

Step 3: Decorate the box! This is a simple way to get any younger family members involved.

Step 4: After the glue has cooled and you are ready to try it out with your pet, drop small treats into a few of the cups.

Step 5: Set the box down for your dog to explore, and watch them get to work!



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Pup Cup Clothesline Banner

MATERIALS:

- 5 - 8 plastic coffee pods used for single-serve coffee machines (cleaned)
- 4 - 6' of string, twine or ribbon
- Single hole puncher
- Tape (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Punch a hole near the top of each cup, on opposite sides. Repeat with all of the cups.

Step 2: Using the string, twine, or ribbon, string the cups together through both holes of each cup, leaving you with a clothesline banner of cups.

Step 4: Tie or tape the ends of your banner to chairs or other sturdy objects. Alternatively, if you have at least two kids, have them steadily hold each end as they watch pup play the game!

Step 5: Place small treats in a few of the cups.

Step 6: Encourage your dog to sniff around and work to get the treats out of the cups. Repeat!

