

Frozen delights



As children chase after ice cream trucks, and adults sip daiquiris to escape the summer heat, some lucky dogs like Butch, a 4-year-old Beagle-German Shepherd Dog mix will be enjoying their own frozen gourmet treats.

"Butch sits in front of the refrigerator after dinner, looking up at the freezer until he gets his Yöghund," says his owner, James Coburn of Stratham, N.H. "I feed him frozen treats because they're a healthy snack alternative – and he digs them. Butch loves to run around the house with the whole container in his mouth while I chase him."

Introduced in 2006, Yöghund – made with certified organic yogurt, organic bananas or blueberries, organic peanuts, and spring water – is just one of several products riding a chilly wave of desire for frosty, healthy gourmet treats.

When it comes to their Labrador Retrievers Bailey, 5, and Riley, 3, Pup Ice creators Andrew and Kyona Sirico of Clinton, Conn., know how to make tails wag. "Our dogs favor our Puppemutter flavor," the Siricos say. Many dogs have trouble eating dairy products, but Cold Nose Creamery adds the enzyme lactase to its Pup Ice to help dogs digest the milk. "With Pup Ice, every dog we've seen simply attacks the container, and during the summer, they're even more enthused."

Other yummy indulgences include Chilly Dawgs' peanut butter pudding treats, Polar Pup's tasty concoction of soy milk and fruit puree, and Mr. Barksmith's natural smoothies, which will keep your pup cool and slender at only 33 calories per 1.75-ounce serving.

— Lisa Hanks

Boutique highlight

The Dog Bar
Miami Beach, Fla.

The Dog Bar isn't an ordinary doggie boutique. "In the same way a typical department store such as Bloomingdale's caters to a variety of customer needs, we do the same for pets," says Steven Cohen. "There's a bedding department, a grooming department, a holistic food department, formal and casual clothing, a bakery, and even an in-house spa." Popular shopping stop for tourists and locals, this is the place if you're looking to catch a glimpse of some high-end clientele. Jennifer Aniston filmed parts of the hit movie *Marley and Me* down the street, and Calvin Klein's and Tom Ford's dogs are regulars at Cohen's salon. "This luxury doggie department store isn't just about the finest in



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canine clothing, jewelry, and accessories. According to Cohen, educating his customers about the benefits of holistic and raw-food diets is his passion. He has been selling raw food for over a decade. "We host regular educational events, and invite customers to come and meet manufacturers," he says. "Many appreciate this opportunity to ask questions firsthand."

The Dog Bar also holds adoption drives. "I try and do something different that will encourage people looking to adopt to support the shelters we work with," Cohen explains. For example, at a recent event, everyone who adopted a dog received a free pet portrait from a pet photographer Cohen invited to the store.

"Our credo is celebrating dogs and the wonderful sunny south Florida lifestyle," Cohen says. "There's so much for dogs to do in South Beach. It's more than just a dog's life. It's more like heaven on earth." □

— Sandy Robins