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Why Shouldn't Dogs Be Stylish?

(NAPSA)—Do dogs need coats? Yes, says a new book that's all about pampering and protecting your pet.

"Sew Dog" (Creative Publishing International, \$16.95) says that while there are many practical reasons for making wearables and gear for your dog, the most compelling is a warm and fuzzy one. Because you enjoy pampering your pet.

"Nothing says love like making something special for your dog," says author Jennifer Quasha, a dog-product expert.

Although dogs are generally comfortable in cold climates, many dogs live in a climate far different from where the breed originated.

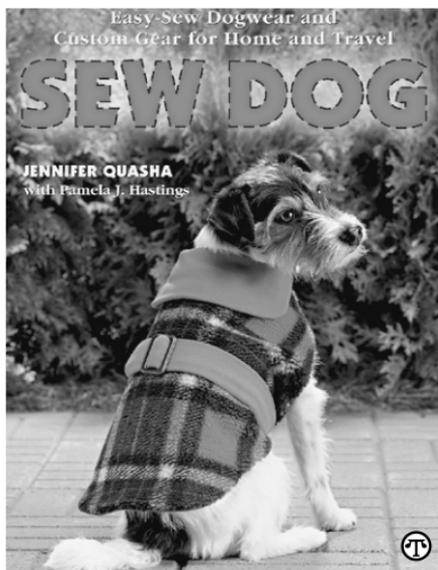
For example, a whippet bred for the desert needs a little extra warmth in the winter. Consider also that your dog will not stay as warm at your walking pace as he would running fast. Besides, wouldn't your dog look fabulous wearing a coat?

Often store-bought coats are not warm because they do not fit the dog snugly.

"I have a friend with a basset hound who assures me that there is not a single over-the-counter coat made for a basset's body."

Quasha says it's fun to use one of the really plush fleeces in fabric stores now. "You can personalize the coat for your pet, too, or is that pooch-a-lize?"

"Sew Dog" makes it easy and fun to sew over two dozen projects such as coats, costumes, beds, travel gear, furniture protectors, and a safety vest. It includes projects as practical as a car-seat protector and as wonder-



Wouldn't your dog want a warm fleece coat to keep him cozy in the cold? A new book shows you how to make doggy couture.

fully silly as a tux.

"I've designed each project to be different and better than what you could buy in a store," said Quasha. "I know what makes a dog product useful, safe and high-quality because I research and write reviews of dog products for magazines."

There's gear to make it easier to take your dog wherever you want to go which is where your dog wants to be. There's also gear to make life easier at home too, such as a paw-wiping mitt and a furniture protector.

The instructions require only basic sewing skills and very little time. For many dog lovers, this book may inspire many enjoyable "pet" projects.

"Sew Dog" is available wherever books are sold, including online at www.creativepub.com.