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# **Keep Your Hound Healthy With Products From kin+kind**

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When they roll, romp and run around, dogs expose themselves to environmental allergens that irritate their skin and coat. Harsh shampoos and cleansers can dry a pup's skin and exacerbate this irritation. kin+kind offers a natural solution.

It relies on the same natural and organically sourced ingredients used to pamper our own skin and hair. To name a few: essential and organic oils provide the base for all soaps and fragrances; jojoba oil and shea butter moisturize; tea tree oil and beeswax heal and soothe. People who use kin+kind know that our dogs are family and deserve the best in health and beauty.

kin+kind was launched in 2015 as a labor of love for twins Janine and Thomas Ling. They grew up with a menagerie of rescue dogs and worked together in the same pet store throughout high school. Janine went on to open her own pet supply and grooming stores, while Thomas left for college and then Harvard Law School.

After a decade as a corporate litigator, Thomas rejoined his sister to pursue their shared passion for dogs and environmental stewardship. kin+kind was born from the natural remedies that Janine created for her own rescue dogs, who suffered from severe environmental allergens. Together the twins have expanded the brand to include a complete line of health and grooming treatments.



(Source:kin-kind.com)

Its three product lines include:

- Body (suggested retail price \$11.99) -- Hot Spot Relief Sticks provide remarkably effective remedy for these common irritants with an easy and mess-free application; Clean Ears Cleanser removes odor and waxy build up without alcohol that stings and dries; Nose & Paw Moisturizer protects and softens with shea butter and jojoba oil; Protect Anti-Flea and Anti-Tick Body Spray prevents fleas with all-natural essential oils.
- Shampoo and Conditioner (suggested retail price \$19.99): made from organic and essential for a deep-moisturizing, sulfate- and

paraben-free clean. Shampoos are available in Charcoal for a deep cleanse; Oatmeal to alleviate irritated skin; Neem for an all-natural tick and flea remedy and repellant; and Puppy, a tearless option for young pups and sensitive dogs. The Charcoal Clarifying Conditioner locks in moisture and smooths out the rough ends of a coat -- it's the perfect finish to all the shampoos!

Deodorizers (suggested retail price \$9.99-\$11.99): don't mask odors, neutralize them before they start. Daily body sprays and 100 percent soy pet odor neutralizing candles are made with natural zinc citrate and essential oils to kill odor-causing bacteria.

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