

5 Pet Products You Can Use for Babies

Description

We have a full blown crawler on the loose! Geez, once they catch on to something, they waste no time doing that something for-ev-ER!



I know we asked for it, but of course we werenâ€™t actually prepared. Avery is crawling everywhere and anywhere she can.



Before, we could set her on a blanket after changing her diaper as we go wash our hands in the bathroom next to the nursery, now she just crawls to us while in the bathroom!

Guess Iâ€™ll be vacuuming *and* mopping a lot more now!

Yep, I love watching our little girl being so proud to move around more, but that means I really have to *watch* her. It used to be fairly easy when all she could do was roll and maybe thrust, but now if I take my eyes off of her for a second, she might be across the room or climbing something dangerous.

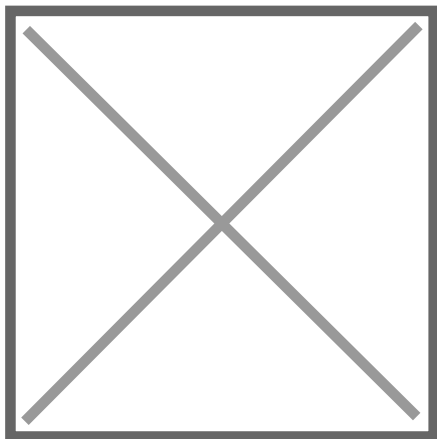


The other day I was vacuuming in another room while she was on her blanket playing in the living room when all of the sudden the vacuum just turned off. I went back in the living room to see she had crawled and yanked on the cord. She was nowhere near the socket (thankfully!), but needless to say, no more cords around when she's down!

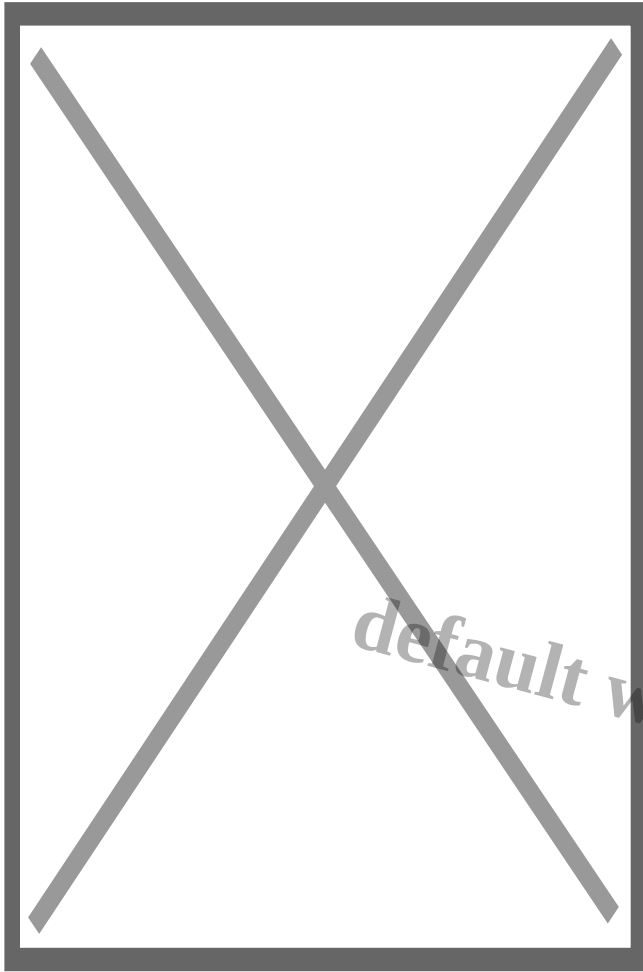
We have a gate for babies ordered and on the way, but I've been wanting something else that's portable to bring into the garage for when I work out or when we go to G-Ma's. In my search, I kept seeing pet playpens show up, and at first I just waived them off, but then I started thinking; maybe that would work for babies too!

This mode of thought led me on a search for other pet products that could double as baby products too. The only downside might be that you'll have a jealous pup to deal with. Here are my top 5 baby items that might have you heading to your nearest pet store.

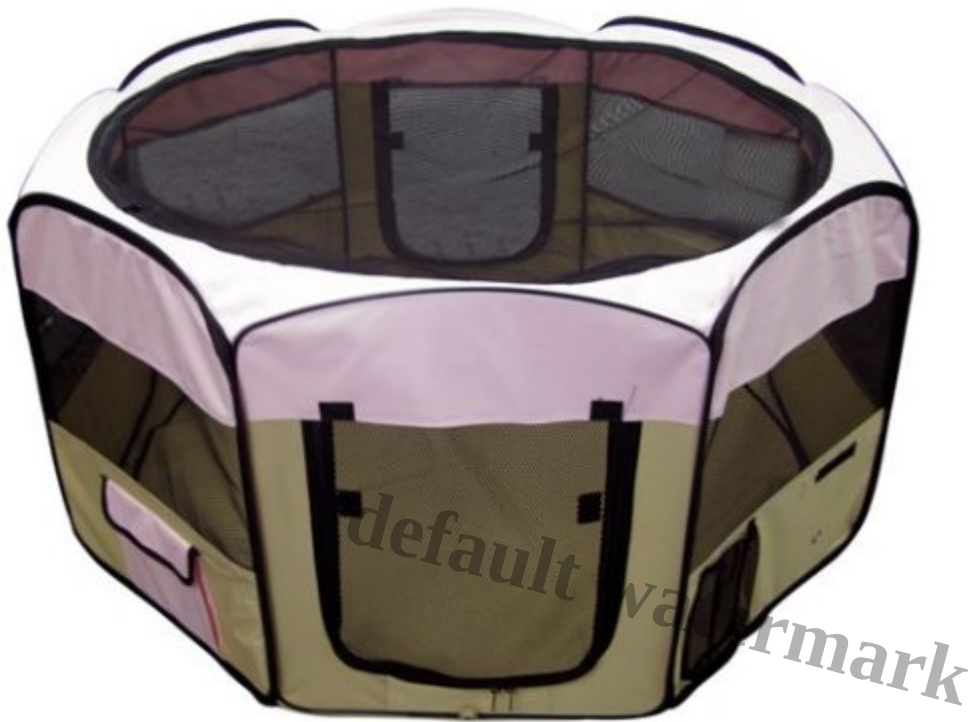
1. Pet Gate I know, this one is obvious, and most are even marketed with "for baby/pet" wording, but it's in pet stores and is highly recommended for both baby and/or pet. I'm sure many use these gates to keep their babies and pets separate...for their pets' safety!



2. Chew Toys Teething baby? No problem! Of course, make sure the material is safe and not coated in anything toxic to babies. Here's a great [rope chew toy](#) made with all natural materials and dyes, and the product description even mentions it's great for teething puppies. Hey, puppies are babies too! Plus, your child is sure to love having a cute snowman to chew on.



3. Portable Pet Playpen –“ The reason I started looking for other baby products posing as pet items, some of these look and transport better than ones specifically for babies.

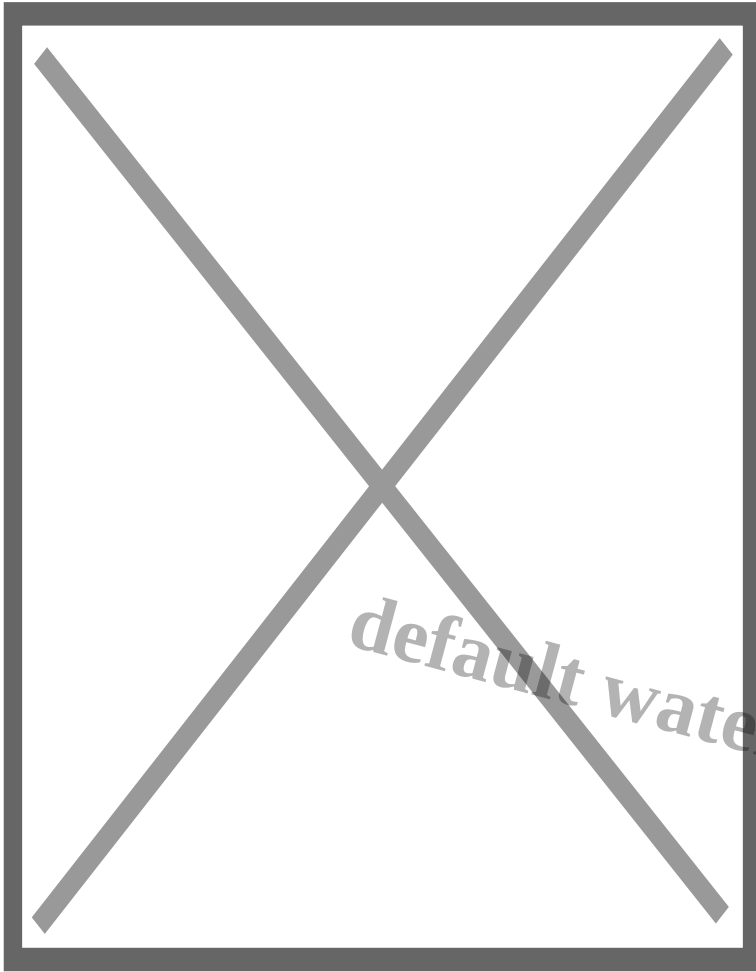


[This one on Amazon](#) costs about \$45 after shipping, but the [Summer Infant Portable Playard](#) is \$99.95.

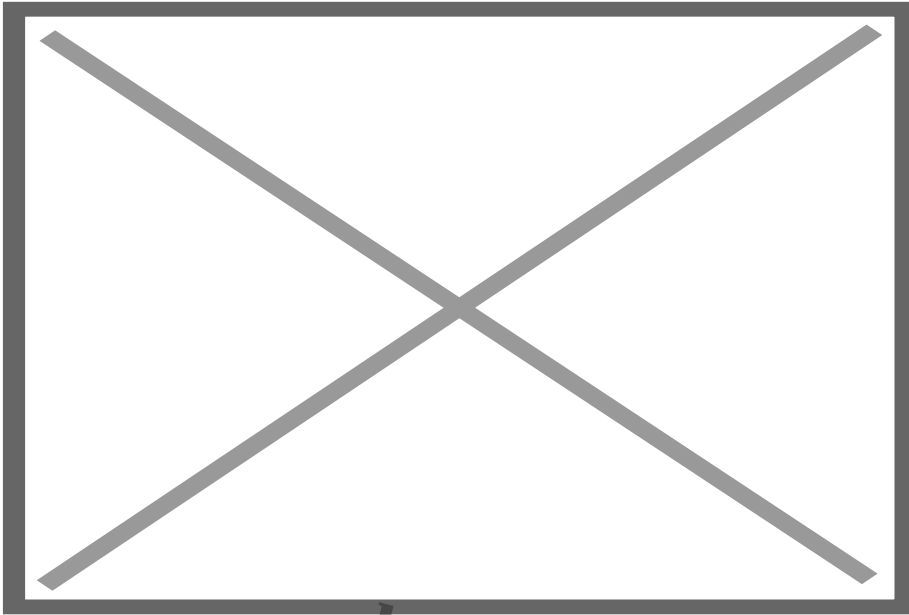


Both have carrying cases and setup in seconds, but the pet playpen weighs less than half of the Summer Infant one. Just saying!

4. Toy Ball – Every baby should have a toy ball; they’re great for developing motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Why not a ball made for dogs? This one I found online from [Only Natural Pet](#) is eco-friendly with all recyclable materials, mint-scented, and easily washes clean. Plus, there is a glow-in-the-dark option which I think a baby would enjoy more than a pet and it’s made in the U-S of A!



5. Pet Beds – “Common, you can’t say you’ve never looked at those cozy beds with plush side bolsters and seriously considered trying to curl up in one. How cool would this be for your baby and/or toddler? They would love it! [This one from Only Natural Pet](#) is eco-friendly, resistant to liquid, dirt, and oil, and reduces the spread of bacteria and allergens. I think it’s better than our mattress!



Of course there are other pet items that might work for babies like leashes and harnesses, but I'm not sure how safe that would be.

So, next time you're looking to get something for your growing baby, consider perusing the aisles of the nearest PetSmart before heading to Toys 'R Us. If you have a pet and what you buy doesn't work out for your baby, at least you know it won't go to waste.

Have you ever let your baby play with or use a pet product?

If not, would you ever consider doing so?

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