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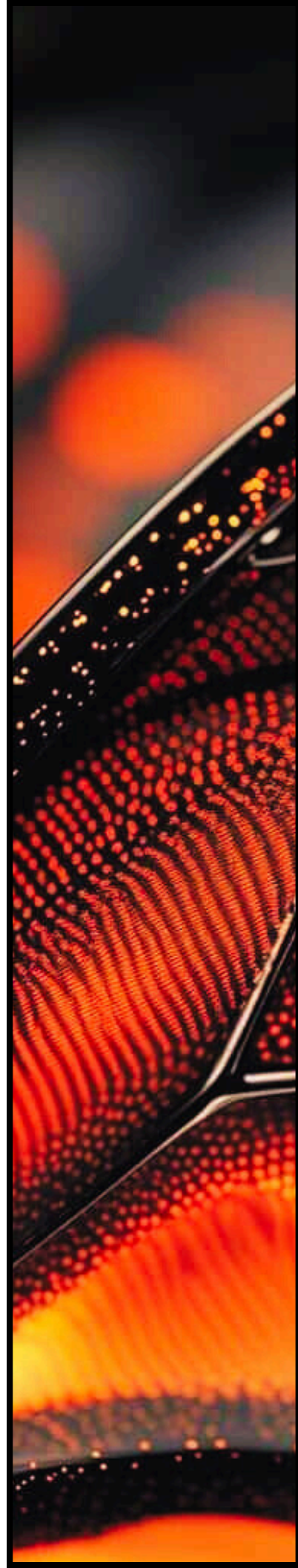
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Editor's Note

IMBUED FASHION MAGAZINE

Chicago heats up, and so do we. Our Summer issue takes a bold turn into the playful and powerful world of animals, all while keeping it chic, urban, and unmistakably us. Inspired by our city's murals, alley gems, and rooftop struts, this issue's moodboard blends street style with the loyalty and love of our furry companions.

In this issue, We spotlight the always-stylish Julia Papillon, We also teamed up with One Tail At A Time to help find forever homes, We blur the line between fashion and animal instinct—what we're calling "The Fashioned Animal." We showcase street art and animal murals that speak to Chicago's creative pulse, & beauty guides for pets and their humans to serve as a blueprint to stay protected, grounded, and unforgettable this summer.

And yes—my teacup Yorkie Zeus makes a cameos. Getting pampered on the beauty page, he's proof that summer style should always come with a little sweetness. My grey tabby, Jinx shows off her sultry side in the Coco + Peach campaign, while Karl—a rather photogenic monitor lizard—is the unexpected muse for one of our wildest Ai editorials yet.



E.I.C & Zeus on their daily walks through the neighborhood.

From paws to pavement, this issue is a love letter to style and companionship. Let's make summer iconic.


Editor-in-Chief

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Marlene's Edit

EDITORS CHOICE

A seasonal edit of Chicago style standouts (and a couple out-of-town surprises)

Every season, I get to handpick pieces that feel bold, joyful, and built to last—just like Chicago style. This edit is all about playful texture, statement color, and pieces that turn the sidewalk into a runway.

Most of what you see here comes straight from Chicago designers and creatives doing it their way. From sculptural home goods to wild denim to the pinkest bag I've ever loved—these are the things I'm obsessed with right now.



Vintage MCM Glass Scottie Dog Pitcher; \$48; lostgirlschicago.com



Lisa C Flamingo Brooch, \$290; ikram.com



Lobster Baby Baggu \$12; shoppenelopes.com



Dachshund Salt & Pepper, \$85; shoparteffect.com



Rails x LSPACE Playa Blanca Towel \$70; rails.com



Hunting Season, Collin van der Sluijs, \$12,500; verticalgallery.com



Alona Jean Shorts \$390; p45.com



Fur Mom Stemless Glass, \$16; blissandbelleboutique.com

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Trending



THE SHADES

Bottega Veneta , \$690; www.bottegaveneta.com



THE BELT

Cobra skin belt, \$200; www.anniebags.com

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THE SHOE

Posh Pumps, \$825; www.kendallmilesdesigns.com


STYLE FEATURE



Photos by Michael Montiel
Styled by Ameerah Vania

Julia Papillon

The Chicago model taps into pet love, self-expression, and big vision energy in our Summer 2025 issue.

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a leopard print headscarf and a matching leopard print jacket over a red and black striped skirt, is sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. She is looking down at a black dog lying in front of her. The dog is wearing a white floral collar. The woman is also wearing a watch and a bracelet. In the background, there is a red fabric backdrop and a potted plant in a woven basket.

“IN 2030, CHICAGO’S
FASHION WILL BE A
PLAYGROUND FOR
INDIVIDUALITY”

-Julia Papillon

Q: Julia, you've got this electric presence on camera—bold, yet deeply grounded. Can you take us back to the moment you realized fashion modeling was something you had to pursue?

Julia: I started modeling at 14 — at that age I wasn't exactly sure what I wanted to do in life, I just knew whatever the mix was, it had to involve creativity, expression, and leaving something good for the next person. I've never operated any other way. After growing up in a lot of music, dance, and art spaces, I found modeling to be the happy medium for me to combine my interests. This way I could share a form of my art, and represent for all the communities I belonged too. After a few jobs I felt invigorated realizing modeling could help me create and uplift so many positive narratives. I saw how I could channel my energy on camera as an encouraging ode to confidence, self acceptance, and love. We all deserve to feel honored and celebrate whatever it is we come with. I'll add energy to that fight.

Q: You're a Chicago girl, but your energy feels runway-ready in Paris or Tokyo. How has being part of this city's creative scene influenced your perspective and path?

Julia: I have a deep appreciation for anybody who's just putting their nose to grind stone and getting to work. The creative scene in this city does just that. What people in Chicago want to see, they bring to fruition and do it well. Seeing that happen, over and over all around me is part of the reason I'll always call Chicago a home base. The dream to reality pipeline is fully activated here! Everyone in the city's creative scene is just doing their thing. That spirit inspires me wherever I go.

Q: You lit up the runway at last year's Chicago Fashion Showcase—effortlessly mixing poise with presence. What did that moment mean to you, and how did it shift your relationship with fashion, if at all?

Julia: It was such an honor walking in that CFS show! I walked Chicago Fashion Week 11-12 years back, it was wonderful at the time, but I remember always hoping it would grow. Fast forward to now, Chicago Fashion Week is back in full force and one of the shows took place at such a major Chicago landmark. Union Station??? Baby model Julia would've freaked out. It felt like being part of a full circle moment. Shoutout to everyone who poured their energy into this production, it was a joy to witness Chicago's fashion scene get some more of what it deserves.

Q: For this feature, you worked with photographer Michael Montiel and Ameerah Vania to bring Imbued Fashion Magazine summer 2025 mood board to life. What was it like collaborating on a concept that blended your world, our direction, and their eye behind the lens?

Julia: This concept was a fun one! It's not too often I get to direct what I want to see in a shoot, you guys gave me the opportunity to do that, AND involve my fur babies, that part was a bit chaotic — but this was all a beautiful, challenging, breath of fresh air being able to create what's on my minds eye with two other tapped in creatives. I appreciated the flow.

Q: We're big on spotlighting Chicago creatives. Who are some local designers, stylists, or brands you're loving right now?

Julia: I love that I've been given the space for this! My favorites right now are Fleeky Cosmetics, designer Sheila Rashad, photographer @Mastermindfotoo, and "Off-Kilter Mag".

"I dress to honor the
energy I want to see,
radiate, and feel."

- JULIA

Q: When it comes to personal style—what makes a look feel like you? Are there certain colors, textures, or silhouettes you always come back to?

Julia: What feels like the most me, no matter the season or iteration, is some form of outfit reflecting my energy for the day, paired with a massive, sturdy boot. With that combo I feel ready to take on the world. Besides that I'm a lifelong proponent of men's jeans, and I love to experiment with different fabrics, tying them in different ways to create silhouettes that flatter me.

Q: Your fashion feels intentional but playful—how would you describe your style in three words, and how has it evolved over the last few years?

Julia: The three words I would use to describe my style are curious, channeled, and infinite. Over the last few years my style has evolved to pay closer attention to my internal compass, and less attention to what's going on with the trends. I dress to honor the energy I want to see, radiate, and/or feel, therefore I'm always challenging myself to just go for the pieces that catch my eye, like taking in a new art gallery. I'll always try and create something different with a new piece.

Q: For the vintage lovers and style stalkers—any favorite Chicago thrift or consignment gems you swear by?

Julia: Chicago is a thrifting/ consignment heaven. Personally, my favorite way to shop is by neighborhood. The thrift shops in Pilsen have my heart, with "Unique" in the top spot. And if you're up to making the trek to the north side, (basically the burbs) the "Goodwill" in Skokie is packed with good finds.

Q: Chicago fashion lives between grit and grace. What do you think it will look like in 2030? Who's defining it, and where do you see yourself in that future?

Julia: In 2030 I envision Chicago's fashion will be a playground for individuality. Chicago's change makers are defining that. Our people of color are, and have been defining that. Where I see myself? Somewhere solidly in the mix. Discovering and connecting in Chicago and around the world.

Q: We love ending on a dream. If you could style and shoot one fantasy editorial—no limits on time, place, or team—what would it be, and what would it say about you?

Julia: My dream shoot would be me flying through all my favorite places. That would be places I can only imagine, along with ones I've actually experienced. I would go to outer space and float amongst the planets. Getting NASA quality photos that could also hold their own in Vogue. I would go under the sea forming new poses in the water, spotlighting the beauty of that mystery world, and I would find a way to capture shots of me flying over my favorite lands — islands of my lineage in the Caribbean, and a few dream lands across continents. The goal of this project would be to celebrate the spaces that ground me, and encourage me to shoot for the moon.

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From Woofs to Wows: Pilsen's Pup Boutique, Le Paws Boutique is Serving Looks

Written by: Chau The Curator



If you're a proud pet parent with a flair for fashion, there's no denying the irresistible urge to dress your fur baby in something as stylish as your own outfit. After all, what could be better than stepping out with your four-legged companion in perfectly coordinated ensembles? If that sounds like your dream vibe, you don't have to look far—your next favorite stop is waiting in the heart of Pilsen:

Le Paw's Boutique

@lepawsboutique_



Located at 1800 West 18th Street, Le Paw's Boutique is a newly opened gem that's quickly becoming a local favorite for pet lovers in Chicago. Since opening its doors in September 2024, the boutique has established itself not only as a go-to destination for adorable pet apparel, but also as a warm, welcoming community space for pet parents of all kinds.

A Cozy, Curated Space for Stylish Pets

The moment you step into Le Paw's, you're greeted with charm, color, and cozy energy. The space is thoughtfully arranged, showcasing everything from tiny denim jackets and chic bow ties for dogs, to stylish collars and lounging accessories for cats. Yes, cat parents—you're not left out here. The shelves are filled with handpicked products that reflect both utility and style, all curated with love by the boutique's spirited and passionate owner, July.

A proud pet mom herself, July is the heart and soul of Le Paw's. Her two adorable puppies inspired the very creation of the store. "I just wanted a space that feels like a love letter to pets and the people who adore them," July says. That intention comes through in every detail—from the boutique's homey feel to the personalized recommendations she offers her customers. Whether you're looking for a birthday outfit for your pup or a new harness that matches your own kicks, she's ready with suggestions and a smile.





More Than a Boutique—A Community Hub

But Le Paw's isn't just about fashion. It's quickly growing into a cultural hub for pet parents in Chicago and beyond. Since opening, July has made it her mission to host monthly events that foster connection, celebration, and a sense of community among fellow animal lovers.

Last month, the boutique hosted a delightful Mother's Day Brunch exclusively for pet moms. Complete with food, fun activities, and plenty of dog kisses, the event brought together an eclectic group of animal lovers. July recalls one particularly memorable guest: a woman who brought her bunny in a stroller. "We had pet moms of all kinds show up," she says, laughing. "It was joyful, relaxed, and full of love." Honestly, the best kind of parent gathering—no tantrums, just tail wags!

The brunch was such a hit that people traveled from Chicago's suburbs just to take part in the celebration. It's that kind of magnetic warmth that makes Le Paw's more than just a store—it's a community cornerstone for the city's most devoted pet lovers.

**"I JUST WANTED A SPACE
THAT FEELS LIKE A LOVE
LETTER TO PETS AND THE
PEOPLE WHO ADORE THEM,"**

-July





What's Coming Up Next?

So, what's next on July's event calendar? This summer, Le Paw's will host a Pet Ice Cream Social, where pups (and maybe a cat or two!) can enjoy a cool treat while mingling with new friends. There'll be dog-safe frozen desserts, summer-themed photo ops, and even a playlist curated for the perfect tail-wagging afternoon.

And if you're really into pet fashion (we know you are), you won't want to miss the Pet Fashion Show planned for the end of summer. July promises a runway-worthy event full of glam, giggles, and maybe even a few catwalk divas—literally. Expect tiny sunglasses, statement bandanas, and matching 'fits that'll make you and your pet the style icons of the block.

Why You Should Visit

Whether you live in the neighborhood or you're planning your next weekend outing in the city, Le Paw's Boutique should be on your list. It's the perfect spot to grab a thoughtful gift for your pet, chat with fellow pet parents, or take part in a charming community event. There's truly something for everyone—from the fashion-forward Chihuahua to the chill rescue cat that just wants a new cozy bed.

Pilsen's artistic spirit is alive and well in this little boutique, where pets are pampered and style is celebrated. So next time you're out for a walk with your furry best friend, take a detour to Le Paw's Boutique. Who knows? You might walk out with a pup-sized bomber jacket, a new friend, and an invite to the next big pet party in town.



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Photography: Stepheon Cheong-Leen
Muse: Alannie Melendez / 10MGMT
Styled: Marlene Anzaldua
Wardrobe Assistant: Katie DeLuna
Hair: Jess Torres
Makeup: Paula Silva



Tie jewelry Coco + Peach
Ear cuff stylist owns
Earrings coco and peach
Bag stylist owns
Brown bubble dress Micas
Shoes, Top, & Tie thrifted





Shirt - thrifted
Necklace Victoria Suduko
Heels & Dog bag Akira
Skirt stylist owns





Necklace Victoria Suduko
Earrings Vintage





Head Scarf Akira
 Faux Fur Vest Model Owns
 Shorts Thrifted
 Shoes Vans
 Necklace Coco + Peach Jewelry
 Teddy Charm Kameo Vintage





Earrings Allsaints
Top and pants Pretty Little Things
Skirt vintage
Heels Cape Robbin
Ring Etsy
Bracelet Laddu Official

Yellow flowy dress/skirt is akira
Scarf LV
Slip Dress H&M
Shoes Akira
Necklace Coco + Peach
Rings Stylist owns
Zebra Print Skirt Kivanci





Faux Leather Trench misguided
Fringe Top Swaby
Mesh tank thrifted
Pants Akira
Shoes Raid
Earrings stylist owns
Ear cuff and ring stylist owns
Handbag Ferragamo



The Ones Who Wait at Home

Photographer: Alina Gofman

These unscripted portraits pull back the curtain on the quieter side of fashion life—where loyalty, comfort, and companionship take center stage.



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Muse @innagkmua



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Muse @Angiesapanaro





What Shoes to Dig Out for SUMMER

Step into the season with styles that do more than just *walk the walk*.

Let's be honest, Chicago's summers don't play around. One day it's sidewalk scorching, the next it's lakefront breezy. But no matter what mood mother nature is in, your shoe game needs to be on point. Summer is when your footwear finally comes out of hibernation, and this guide is your cue to dig deep into your closet or your favorite local boutique and step into the season with the right shoes.

This isn't about chasing trends. It's about shoes that do the most: bold, breathable, versatile, and fashion-forward. Whether you're brunch-bound in Bronzeville, hitting a rooftop in River North, or just walking your dog in style (shoutout to all our four-legged fashion icons this issue), Let this style guide be your summer sole-mate.

City Chic

For when your day moves from street to seat in a rooftop lounge.

- Strappy Minimalist Sandals
- Sleek Sporty Sneakers
- Thong Heels



Pet-Walker Friendly

For looking good while dodging squirrels and serving sidewalk lewks.

- Clogs
- Mules
- Sporty Slides

Poolside Power Moves

Because your SPF shouldn't outshine your shoe game.

- Elevated Flip Flops
- Statement Slides
- Jelly Sandals

"This summer, your shoes aren't just an accessory—they're the attitude."



SPOTLIGHT

**ONE TAIL
AT A TIME**



Fashion Helps Find Forever Homes:

New beginnings never looked this good.

At Imbued, we believe fashion doesn't just shape identity — it reflects heart.

This summer, we teamed up with One Tail at a Time, a Chicago-based animal rescue doing life-changing work in our city. Together, we're spotlighting five adoptable pets who prove that style, soul, and second chances are always in season. Each of these dogs brings their own kind of magic — from quiet loyalty to bold personality — and each one is looking for a forever home filled with love, not just aesthetics. Because in our book, compassion is the best accessory.

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✉ Questions? Contact adopt@onetail.org

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Butter Bean

Breed: Mixed Breed (Medium)

Sex: Male

Weight: 76 lbs

Age: 1Y/7M/0W

Location: Foster Home

**ONE TAIL
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Adoption Information:
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Queen Bea

Breed: Mixed Breed (Medium)

Sex: Female

Weight: 51.2 lbs

Age: 1Y/4M/2W

Location: OTAT Co-op, ISO House

**ONE TAIL
AT A TIME** 

Adoption Information:
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George Strait

Breed: Mixed Breed (Large)

Sex: Male

Weight: 86 lbs

Age: 5Y/7M/2W

Location: Foster Home

**ONE TAIL
AT A TIME** 

Adoption Information:
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Diamond

Breed: Mixed Breed (Medium)

Sex: Female

Weight: 69.8 lbs

Age: 3Y/11M/1W

Location: Foster Home

**ONE TAIL
AT A TIME** 

Adoption Information:
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Oreo

Breed: Bulldog / Terrier, Pit Bull

Sex: Female

Weight: 54.6 lbs

Age: 7Y/11M/3W

Location: Foster Home

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AT A TIME** 

Adoption Information:
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COLD-BLOODED COUTURE

In a world where fashion slithers between savage and sublime, reptilian royalty takes the throne—jewels, scales, and all.



Prompt for entire spread: High end, summer, fashion editorial using image of Karl the lizard as the muse. Add summer wardrobe styles in greens, metallics and couture, lots texture like materials for human models, statement jewelry like gold chains, ring and maybe a silk scarf on Karl. Vibe should be street chic















SUMMER 2025

Image by Pogrebko

Beauty Must-Haves

Because good grooming is always in style – no matter how many legs you have.



Between rooftop hangs, lakefront walks, and city-street struts, your pet's summer glow-up deserves more than a rinse and repeat. "Fur Real" rounds up grooming essentials that are as chic as they are clean — no animal testing, no harsh chemicals, and all from

brands we trust. Whether your pup's coat needs a soft touch or your cat's paws deserve a little polish, this is elevated care for the pets who run the block (and your heart).

Fur Real: Grooming Must-Haves for Your City Pet



Shampoo: Pure + Gold \$24.99

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Hair: Easy Pro Rechargeable Cord/Cordless Pet Clipper \$39.99

A rechargeable clipper kit built for precision and ease — featuring self-sharpening steel blades, cordless convenience, and all the grooming essentials for a fresh, salon-quality cut at home.



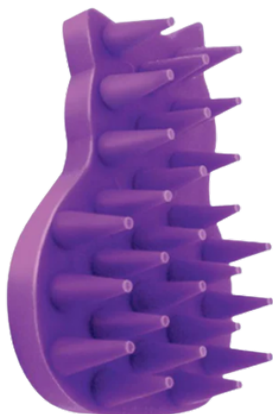
Bug Spray: Bug Away Spray \$15.99

An all-natural bug-repelling spray powered by cedarwood, geranium, and rosemary — three aromatherapeutic scents known to ward off pests while keeping your pet smelling fresh and summer-ready.

Beauty



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Hair Care: Kong Cat Zoom Groom \$9.99

This soft, rubber grooming tool gently massages while removing loose fur, helping to reduce hairballs and calm anxious cats. Ideal for brushing, bathing, or post-vet decompression — it's an easy-grip essential for every feline's self-care ritual.



Hair Dye: Welyeme Hair Dye for Animals \$10.99

Turn heads with bold, lasting color using this pet-safe permanent dye kit. Made with gentle, non-toxic ingredients, it's designed for light-coated pets and comes with pro tools for flawless, standout looks that last up to six months.



Paws Protection: Max Wax Paw Protection \$25.99

A seasonless balm for city paws, this 100% beeswax and lanolin blend creates a waterproof barrier to protect against hot pavement, icy sidewalks, and everything in between. Safe, non-toxic, and deeply moisturizing for dry, cracked pads.



Hair Care: The Chicago Pet Comb \$14.99

Crafted in Chicago, this lightweight carbon fiber comb is anti-static, ultra-gentle, and built for pets with thick, curly, or long coats. With dual-width tines and smooth rounded tips, it detangles, de-sheds, and styles — all without the scratch.

Beauty

Sunscreen Glow Oil, \$22;
everyday-humans.com



Skin Protection



Clear Sunscreen, \$24;
oarsandalps.com



Dry Shampoo Mist, \$32;
randco.com

On-the-Go Glam

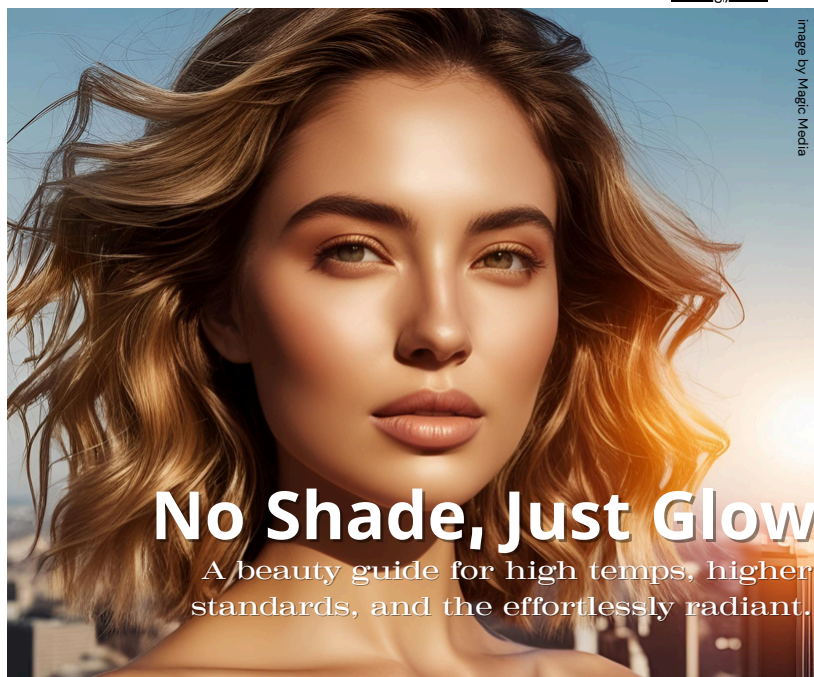


Multistick Full Face Set, \$76;
axiology.com

Heat-Proof Skin & Body Glow



Day Glow Highlighter, \$32;
meritbeauty.com



The sun is out, the city's is heating up, and your beauty routine should keep up. This summer, we're leaning into low-maintenance, high-impact essentials - products that stand up to humidity, hustle, and those heat waves without breaking a sweat. Whether you're headed from bed to the pool, a street fest to rooftop cocktails, or just keeping it cute on the patio with your pup, these glow-getters are made to move with you. From Chicago-grown staples to cult-loved picks we had to include, this is your seasonal glow kit — no shade, just shine.

Knot Your Basic Beach Kit,
\$88; theouai.com



Summer Hair Fixes



Bee Girls Honey Butter Gel, \$16;
theduox.com

Beeswax Lip Balm Pack of 4, \$13;
chicagohoneycoop.com



Cooling & Calming Refreshers

Beauty Elixir Hydrating Face Mist,
\$20; caudalie.com



Urban Wildlife: Guardians of Chicago

We rode through the city like it was our own concrete safari — spotting tigers, pigeons, and stray cats hiding in plain sight. These murals aren't just street art — they're wild markers of Chicago's soul.



No maps, no guide — just two girls, a car, a camera, and the city streets. From North Side alleys to South Side underpasses, we cruised through Chicago like a drive-through safari, hunting murals of beasts both familiar and fierce. A rooster watching over a restaurant. A monkey portrait on Hubbard Street. Birds, geese, and stray cats etched into walls like guardians of the block. In a city known for its grind, these painted animals remind us to pause, watch, and listen. As our Summer issue explores the connection between animals and urban life, Urban Wildlife captures the spirit of the untamed — without ever leaving the driver's seat.





















Haute Pet, Haute Home

A summer style edit for the modern animal lover

This summer, it's not just your wardrobe getting the seasonal upgrade—your home (and your dog's) deserves a vibe refresh too. From sculptural loungers that blend into your modern space to washable rugs made for muddy paws and frozen treat spills, this edit is all about merging sunny-day style with pet-friendly function. Whether you're hosting a dog-friendly dinner party or just catching a tan while your cat hogs the chaise, these pieces prove that high design and furry roommates can coexist beautifully.



Giraffe 51" Wicker Cat Tree & Condo \$76.99; chewy.com



British Tea Plates \$110; macys.com

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The Pet is the Decor

Playful pieces that turn animals into your home's showpiece.



Coffe Table Hippo; \$628; dekor-miami.com



Pet-Friendly Living

Designed for them, with your impeccably stylish life — in mind.



Hidden Litter Box \$69.95; goodpetstuff.com



Cat Stand That Doubles as a Nightstand \$279; furrandco.com



3 PCS Outdoor Furniture Set with Pet House \$179; walmart.com

Prints Wild, Live Chic

Playful pieces that are inspired by the animal kingdom.

Cowhide Mirror Faux Animal Printed Frame \$331; emmamason.com



Zebra Print Washable Rug \$39; wayfair.com



Jeweled Giraffe Amber Designer Chair \$1,102; contrado.com

Design with them,
for them—or just
inspired by their
wild side.

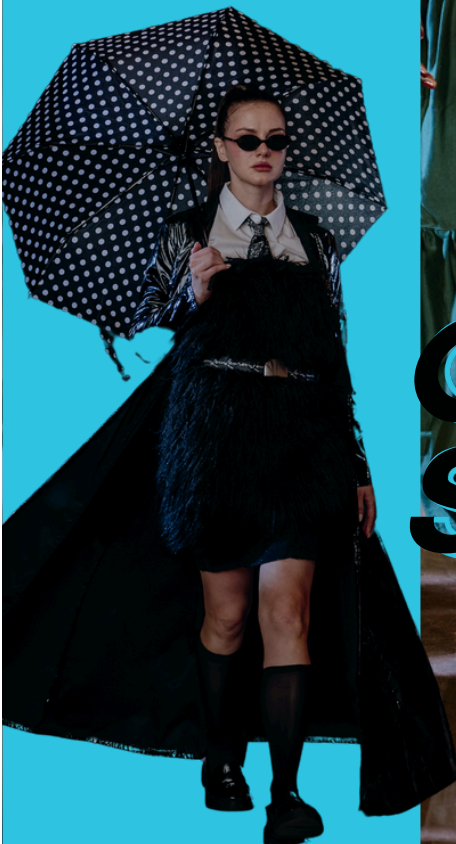


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Set a calendar reminder, Chicago Fashion Showcase is back in October at the iconic Union Station. Embrace your inner style enthusiast at the CFS, where creativity intertwines with innovation.

This year, the iconic Union Station is transformed into a dazzling canvas of artistry and flair, as the city's vibrant fashion scene takes center stage. As the sun sets, the architectural beauty of the station will provide a breathtaking backdrop for an evening dedicated to redefining trends and pushing the boundaries of style.

Prepare to be inspired by dynamic panel discussions featuring influential voices that are shaping the fashion landscape today. Discover curated pop-up shops showcasing the hottest local designers, offering you the chance to snag one-of-a-kind pieces that will

CHICAGO FASHION SHOWCASE RETURNS IN OCTOBER

elevate your wardrobe. And don't miss the mesmerizing fashion shows that promise to capture the very essence of Chicago's eclectic spirit, leaving you spellbound.

Now in its fourth year, the Chicago Fashion Showcase is more than just an event—it's a vibrant celebration that weaves together fashion, culture, and community into a magnificent tapestry. So, gather your style-savvy friends, don your most fabulous ensemble, and get ready to dive into the enchanting world of Chicago's fashion scene. This is one trendsetting experience you simply cannot afford to miss!

The Backstory

In Chicago, new things in the world of fashion generate a huge excitement. The Chicago Fashion Showcase, an event that combines art, music, fashion shows, panel discussions and shopping in one place, unfolds like a true celebration from midday until night. Since 2015, when the need for greater fashion became apparent in the city, this event has been created to promote spaces and creativity in the clothing industry.

This event not only showcases clothes, but also celebrates the diversity of culture and art, creating an environment where creators and lovers of fashion come together. An event like this not only provides clothes, but also a forum for the exchange of ideas and collaboration between different players in the world of fashion. Chicago, a city with a rich history and vibrant culture, is now even more prominent on the global fashion scene.

To stay up to date on when tickets will be available and designers updates visit chicagofashionshowcase.com & instagram [@chicagofashionshowcase](https://www.instagram.com/chicagofashionshowcase)



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Paws & Power Signs: Summer Horoscopes with Bite

This season, the stars align for fashion-forward pet lovers. From Virgo's leash-and-loafer pairings to Leo's glam grooming must-haves—your style destiny starts here.



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The sun is out, the sidewalks are sizzling, and fashion isn't just about you anymore—it's about your furry, feathered, or scaled companion too. In this pet-forward edition of Imbued's horoscopes, we decode the zodiac through the lens of stylish streetwear, seasonal accessories, and pet-friendly flair. Whether you're walking a cat in a harness or sipping iced espresso while your yorkie lounges in designer shades, each sign has a vibe—and a look—to match.

♊ Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

This summer, your twin energy thrives in playful layers and convertible pieces—think lightweight utility vests with hidden pockets for dog treats or collapsible bowls. Gemini, you're a multitasker, so fashion that moves with you (and your pet) is key. Try a matching baseball cap and bandana combo, or rock a crossbody bag with treat pouch attachment. Whether you're brunching in Logan Square or strolling the lakefront, let your street style—and your sidekick—steal the scene.

♋ Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Sentimental and stylish, you're drawn to cozy-chic pieces this season—think a soft knit dress paired with canvas sling bag for your pup. Your ideal weekend? Farmer's markets and gentle city strolls. Choose earthy tones and organic fabrics, plus a monogrammed water bottle for your pet. You're the zodiac's nurturer, so fashion that comforts—while turning heads—is your summer signature.

♌ Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Main character energy? Always. This summer you're all about matching glam with your pet. Metallic collars, bold sunglasses, and a custom fan for your feline scream Leo luxe. Step out in a silk bomber or oversized shirt dress, and top it off with gold hoops (maybe even for your pup). Your glow deserves an entourage—and your pet's the star sidekick.

♍ Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Functional fashion is your playground. Go sleek with neutral-toned separates, and upgrade your essentials: coordinated leash sets, eco-friendly poop bag holders, and collapsible water bowls that match your tote. You're clean, crisp, and completely put together—even when chasing your rescue pup down the block. Think utilitarian, but cute.

♎ Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Aesthetic harmony is your love language. Match your pet's look with your own: dusty rose harnesses, woven straw carriers, and wide-leg pants with ballet flats. Libra, you're all about balance—opt for pieces that work from rooftop brunch to puppy play date. Add a silk scarf (for you or your dog), and you're effortlessly chic.

♏ Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Bold, mysterious, and just a little intimidating—you and your pet turn heads in the shadows. Summer for you means monochrome looks, leather accents, and maybe a spiked collar (for them, not you... or both?). Choose a structured silhouette with a sheer layer for drama. Bonus: a scent-safe travel spray for your pet's gear—only you would think of that.

♐ Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Adventurous and on the go, your summer fashion is effortless and ready to roam. Think cargo skirts with drawstring details, nylon crossbodies, and a matching bandana for your golden retriever. You live in movement, so choose breathable fabrics and pops of color. Add a doggie backpack, and you've got yourself a co-pilot.

♑ Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

You're giving luxury minimalism all summer long. Your pet is groomed, your shoes are polished, and your fit? Tailored perfection. Opt for crisp shirting, linen trousers, and a leather leash that matches your belt. Your tote holds both your laptop and your pup's chew toy—because success is in the details.

♒ Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

You and your pet are fashion futurists. Style it out in unexpected prints, asymmetric cuts, and reflective materials. This summer, lean into tech-forward accessories: LED collars, UV-protection gear, and wearable fans. You're the duo that starts trends before anyone else realizes it. Bonus: pet-friendly water tattoos in your sign's glyph.

♓ Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Dreamy and poetic, you're channeling a summer filled with flowing silhouettes and water-ready style. Rock a sheer caftan, ocean-blue shades, and a sling bag for your sleepy rescue cat. Your ideal date? Paddle boarding with your pup or lounging with a chilled spritz. Bonus points for anything seafoam or iridescent.

♈ Aries (March 21 – April 19)

You're all action, no pause—and your summer look should reflect that. Go for activewear-adjacent looks: ribbed tanks, trail-ready sneakers, and a durable pet carrier backpack. Fire signs don't do frills; your vibe is strong, confident, and always moving. Your pet's outfit? Lightweight, breathable, and badass.

♉ Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Your style is sensual and slow. Think picnic-ready gingham, loafers with ankle socks, and a crochet collar for your Frenchie. A linen pet blanket tucked into your raffia tote? Chef's kiss. This summer, lean into romantic comfort and tactile pleasures—cotton, silk, and lots of treats (for both of you).



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