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CAMERA AND TOY ENABLES OWNERS TO REMOTELY ENTERTAIN PETS WITH THEIR IPHONE

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Petcube is a camera and robotic laser that lets owners check up on their dog or cat when they're out of the house, as well as play with them.

iPet Companion has already enabled internet users to remotely entertain cats in rescue shelters, and now a new device is bringing a similar idea into the home. **Petcube** is a camera and robotic laser that lets owners check up on their dog or cat when they're out of the house, as well as play with them.

Developed by Ukraine-based trio Alex Neskin, Yaroslav Azhnyuk and Andrey Klen, the Petcube takes the form of a stylish 10 x 10 x 10 cm box containing a wide angle camera, microphone and speaker. The device is connected to the household's wifi and – through the Petcube mobile app – owners can then view a live video stream of their pet from any location. The speaker allows users to call their pets if they're not in view, and the system also features a controllable laser pointer that can entertain the animals. Those downloading the app don't need to have a Petcube – or even a pet – but can browse the public live feeds and play with other people's pets. The video below explains the backstory behind the project:

Petcube has already been named second best new Ukraine startup by [iForum](#) and is hoping to launch a Kickstarter campaign once its prototype is fully developed for mass production. Are there other robotic systems that could allow homeowners to complete daily household tasks from a remote location?

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