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Can life change because of one blue bone-shaped dog toy? It can, and it did for us.

Finding a greener path in life takes one single step. My husband Virgil Sweeden and I both started down that path in our lives, even before we met six years ago. We did many things that others do--we donated items to Goodwill, we recycled every week, we bought locally sourced and organic groceries. Nothing really earth-shaking.

Then, about a year ago, we found the blue bone-shaped dog toy, and--wonder of wonders--it is recyclable!

The toy is from Celadon Road, an all-green, all-natural source of products for everyday living. Our interest in Celadon Road started with the toy. As the proud adopters of three greyhounds (even our dogs are recycled!), we go through a lot of toys. We were delighted to find virtually indestructible toys that are responsibly made and are, themselves, recyclable.

And our Celadon Road involvement has grown from there. In just a year, we've both learned about so many areas in our lives where we can make a far stronger green statement.

We are working to eliminate paper towel from our lives, through reusing natural-fiber towels and rags and through Celadon Road's natural-fiber sponges.

We're now using all natural soaps, cleaning supplies, and laundry products from Celadon Road. And we're glad that the company offers refill sizes that reduce packaging and save money.

Of course we're especially proud that Celadon Road is an all-cruelty-free company, which means nothing is tested on animals. Oh, Virgil says he KNOWS that the dog toys have been tested by dogs, but other than that--nothing is!

And how about that blue bone-shaped dog toy? It's called a Hurley, and we bought it from a friend in Celadon Road on Nov. 1, 2011. Since then, it's been chewed on daily by our heaviest chewer, an 85-pound greyhound named Jordie. It's been buried in the yard, and it's had countless journeys in the dishwasher.

Today, I tie an orange ribbon on that toy and we show it to our friends and customers. When they compare it to a brand-new Hurley from our stock, there's no difference. None at all.

While this remarkable dog toy may be recyclable, Jordie tells us nothing doing. He wants that toy forever!

To see our Celadon Road offerings and move further down the path toward green living, please go to [www.PPL-LA.com](#) (or [www.MyCeladonRoad.com/PawPrintsLife](#)).

We'd love to help you find your own shade of green!