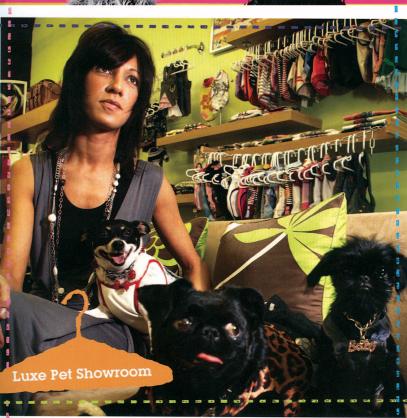
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Luxe Pet Showroom, Cooper Building Owner: Kim Rivera

Kim claims her dazzling "fashion house for pets" to be the first of its kind in the U.S. It truly has to be seen to be believed, showcasing everything from tough puppy skatewear to frilly, diamante-studded tuturs for precious pooches. "I decided not to have children, but I call my dogs my daughters," says Kim of her pets. "They are my children. Rivera was training to be a veterinarian before she fell into the world of humani plashion. During her junior year of college, she was invited to a fashion show, which also happened to be a recruting event for FIDM fashion schoot. I saw the clothing and I got childs down my spine," she says. She majored in fashion design, and worked her way through fashion retail and product development before going into wholesale, working in a showroom at the New Mart for seven years before opening Luxe Pet.

Her dog Roxy gave her the inspiration. "When I first got Roxy, I asked Tarina Tarantino to make a small version of one of her necktaces so Roxy could wear it," says Kim. "Then I realized I wasn't the only one dressing and accessorizing my dogs." She reps lines like Chi Wow Wow, for the Dogtown Ino pun intended! skaterfaurfer lox, Wagwear for the All-American, outdoorsy canine look, and Paris Erotica, for the neo-punk pup. Of her dogs, she says they have better clothes than I do."

Kim: Dress by Moss Mills, Jewelry by Ginger 13 and Sid Vintage Foxy Roxy: Necklace by Tarina Tarantino Pet, Dress by Little Lily, Boots by Lily

Trixie: Jumper by Paris Erotica, Collar by Pet Project, Necklace by Tarina Tarantino Pet Chicky: Denim Jumper by Paris Erotica

