



## Valentines Day Pet Bowls



I can't believe it's time to start thinking about Valentine's Day already! I'm excited, though, because this year I get to combine my love for my two favorite things....ceramics and my fur children.



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I have been known to describe myself as 'aspiring to be the crazy cat lady, but with dogs too'. I'm a sucker for an animal in need, and as a result I am the proud pet parent of three rather large pit bulls and four cats. In my defense, I didn't go looking for any of them. They all somehow found me!

Although they are a ton of work and their vet bills tend to be a drain on my wallet, I wouldn't trade them for the world. The other day, while I was waiting for an appointment at the vet with Miss Kitty, I was having a text conversation with a friend of mine who keeps trying to convince me that I'm insane for spending so much money on my pets. I happen to think it's money well spent. I told him that I feel more guilty spending \$5 at Starbucks than I do spending \$500 at the vet. You really can't put a price on unconditional love. Plus, each one of them makes me smile and laugh every single day which is also priceless. They rescued me as much as I rescued them.



As if most everything I do doesn't already prove my love for my precious 'fleabags' (a term of endearment I regularly use), I decided that this year I prove it even more by making them all new food bowls for Valentine's Day. I used Duncan® Oh Four® Bisque, Cover Coats®, French Dimensions™ and Pure Brilliance® to create these. I love Cover Coats® because the colors are so vibrant and opaque, and you can paint one color over another similar to how you would use acrylic paint on a canvas. I use them all the time in my work and they are my underglaze of choice.

I hope you enjoyed this project! If you'd like to read more about the fleabags or see more of my ceramic creations, you can visit [The Peculiar Palette](#), my personal blog.

See you next time!  
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