

COLLECT IT

Obsessions. Some serious puppy love.

James A. Baggett collects everything from art pottery to black-and-white panoramic photos. But 73 chalkware figurines—brightly colored dogs with “carnival pizzazz”—are his favorite. “They speak to my love of everything to do with dogs,” says James, the editor of *Perennials* and *Nature’s Garden* magazines, based in Des Moines, Iowa.

The kitschy chalkware pups—originally carnival prizes in the 1930s and ’40s—made their way into James’ heart when he was in college. “The first one I bought was a particularly distraught-looking puppy,” he says. “It looked like it needed a home.”

James still goes for the sad pooches. He doesn’t actively shop for them, yet they always seem to find him. His one rule for buying: Never spend more than \$10.

And what does Scout, his Jack Russell terrier, think? “She prefers a good game of fetch with a stick over just about anything,” James says. 🐾

