



Scoota
 He is a 13-year-old border collie and I've had him for a long time. He's been a great dog, although he's getting a bit old now. Scoota is friendly and affectionate, house trained and generally a really happy dog.

The world at his feet

Ben Lipschitz loves a good walk in the park

Taking time out to relax in his Darling Point apartment, Ben Lipschitz reckons he's a shoo-in when it comes to what women want. Together with friend and business partner Rick Munitz, he launched Flipsters, flip-flops that fold up to the size of an average digital camera and slot into a zip-up pouch to fit into the smallest of handbags.

The inspiration came from some friends who complained of sore feet after a night out on the town in towering heels. Ben, a law graduate, teamed up with Rick, an industrial designer, to come up with a novel idea to give women's feet some light relief.

Ben says it is a wonder no one thought of the idea before. When they launched the business in late 2009, the first shipment sold out immediately.

"After university I wanted to take some time out to travel and work out what I wanted to do with my life when this opportunity presented and we thought let's give it a shot."

Sharing a modern apartment with border collie Scoota, Ben says his taste in decor revolves around groovy finds from his overseas travels to photographs he's taken. A herb garden complete with basil, mint, rosemary and parsley is another treasured feature of this inner-city apartment.

"This is a modern home. I have been here for five years and I like it because it's quite open," he says.

"I think what's great about Darling Point is that it has lots of parks and is still close to the city and other landmarks in Sydney like Bondi Beach.

"Especially with a dog in an apartment, you need to have somewhere to be able to go out for a walk."

Catherine Nikas-Boulos

Daily Telegraph

FAVOURITE THINGS

Photo I was in Cambodia in 2002 and I was going to ask them to take my picture then I thought they would make a more interesting photo. I love the colours.



Pizza maker I have friends around and we make our own pizza, which is fun. I have a herb garden and I make a great margherita pizza, with my own tomato sauce, mozzarella and fresh basil.



Chopsticks These were given to me as a gift when I went to Japan. I love Asian food, so it's an appropriate present.

Whisky

Whisky is my favourite drink. It's something I love to relax with and enjoy. It used to be an older man's drink but that's changing. More people my age now talk about whisky. The Glenmorangie from Scotland is my favourite.



Vase My mum loves glass art, so she was the inspiration behind me purchasing this vase when I was travelling in Italy. It's a beautiful piece. It's elegant, curvy and very creative.



Photos: Bob Barker

Bookshelf

This was bought from a Spanish-themed store in Alexandria. You can choose which way you want it to go up. It's like a piece of art you can add to, you decide on how it should hang.

Books I love Harry Potter books. They're just so creative and a really good read. I've obviously seen the movies but I definitely like the books more.

