



When Shopping For Holiday Gifts, May We Suggest Fruitcake Or A Nice Neck-tie?

Resist The Urge To Give Pets As Gifts This Holiday Season. Why, You Ask? Consider This:



THIS IS A LIFE - NOT A TOY, NOT A GADGET, BUT A LIVING, BREATHING HELPLESS BEING.

We know you mean well, wanting to surprise a loved one with a pet. The best of intentions, however, make no difference when this pet ends up being unwanted or the novelty wears off. Don't make an impulse decision when it involves an animal's life. The holidays are a stressful time, especially so for an animal in a brand-new environment. Wait until after the new year to consider adding a pet to your family. Make sure you're ready for the commitment. **REMEMBER, HIS VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON YOU.**

ADOPTING A PET IS A VERY PERSONAL DECISION, ONE BEST NOT LEFT TO CHANCE.

The decision of whether or not to have a pet and what type of pet to adopt is one that each person needs to make for themselves. A pet is a huge responsibility. Each person needs to understand what it takes to properly care for an animal and decide whether or not to take on that responsibility **BEFORE** adopting a pet. Having the decision made for them by receiving a "surprise gift" is a recipe for disaster. Countless animals that are given as gifts by well-meaning people end up being destroyed in shelters every year, solely because they weren't wanted.



WHEN IT COMES TO PETS AT EASTER, PLEASE STICK WITH CHOCOLATE BUNNIES.



Pet stores have a way of tugging at our heartstrings with all the cute rabbits, baby chicks and ducklings they have available at Easter. Unfortunately, these animals are some of the most frequent victims of impulse decisions gone bad. After Easter morning, the novelty soon wears off & these innocent creatures meet a variety of horrible fates. This is a great opportunity to teach children an important value: **PETS ARE A LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT**, not inanimate objects to be discarded like yesterday's trash.

GO ABOUT PET ADOPTION THE RESPONSIBLE WAY. DO THE RIGHT THING.

Instead of giving a pet, give a leash & collar, cat toys, a gift certificate for a veterinary checkup, an aquarium or pre-paid obedience classes - something to allude to the new pet to come. Do research on-line. Get advice from your vet. Make an informed decision. After the hustle & bustle of the holidays are over, contact an area rescue group or visit an animal shelter & adopt a pet who needs & deserves a 2nd chance at life. Help your new relationship get started off on the right foot (paw).



Please Consider Making a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE Donation To One Of The DFW-Area Rescue Groups Listed Below, Or Become A DESPERATELY-NEEDED Foster Parent.

DON'T DELAY, DO IT TODAY!

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