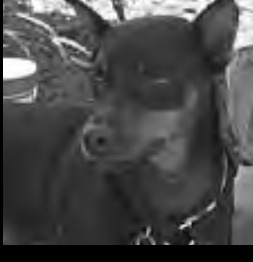


May THEIR Days Be Merry & Bright



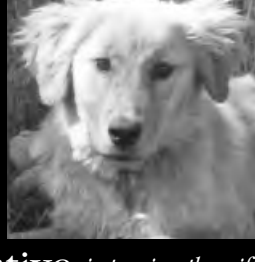
Think Twice Before Giving An Animal As A Surprise Gift.

This "gift" is an INNOCENT LIFE, not a toy or gadget. The choice of whether or not to adopt a pet - to take responsibility for a LIFE - is a very personal and important one. City shelters fill up every January with unexpected or unwanted "gifts". Many of these animals are dead by the end of the month. If you think that a registered, expensive, purebred dog would never end up in a shelter, guess again. Shelters are full of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens - purebred and mixed breed - whose only "flaw" is that they were not planned for, and simply, unwanted.



Even If You're Certain That This Animal Won't Be Given Away...

...think about gifts you have given in the past that were stuck on a shelf or left hanging in a closet - never to be used. Think about the toys your child "absolutely had to have" and what happened to those toys when the novelty quickly wore off. Now, consider what being unwanted does to an animal: being dismissed to the back yard or utility room, longing for human companionship and love. Many times, this scenario is a fate worse than death for an animal. Every pet deserves to be where they are loved, wanted and well cared-for.



A Great Alternative is to give the gift of pre-paid obedience classes, an initial vet visit, toys, fancy leashes, collars and food bowls. Wait for the hustle-bustle of the holidays to die down, then go with that person to adopt a pet, so that you know your "gift" will be well-received.

Instead of going to a pet store, make the "gift" much more meaningful by visiting an area animal shelter or rescue organization to adopt a precious animal that someone gave away - one who desperately needs a second chance. You will find just about every breed and every age. By giving one of these deserving animals a loving, forever home, you will have saved a life.



Afraid Of Long-Term Commitment? Not Sure If A Particular Breed Is Right For You?

Consider contacting one of the rescue groups listed below and becoming a foster parent. This is a great way to learn about different breeds and different animals from the experts. These volunteers are dedicated to the animals in their care and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. This is an excellent opportunity to "get the facts" and do very rewarding work, before making the decision to adopt.



American Boston Terrier Rescue
972.407.4440; www.bostonterrierrescue.net
Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)
www.animalrescueklub.org; 972.562.HELP
Animal Rescue of Texas
www.animalrescueoftexas.org; 214.276.7802
BlueBunnies
www.bluebunnies.org; info@bluebunnies.org
Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)
214.520.7000; www.campwolfgang.petfinder.com
Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.
www.chihuahua-rescue.org
City Pet Rescue (CPR)
www.citypetrescue.com
Coppell Humane Society
www.coppellhumanesociety.com; 972.462.1121
Dachshund Lovers of Texas
www.dachshundloversoftexas.org; 214.577.7536
DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue
www.dfwcockerrescue.8m.com; 972.994.1133
DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue Club
972.881.5544; www.dfwlabrescue.org
East Lake Pet Orphanage
214.349.ELPO (3576); www.elpo.org
Flower Mound Humane Society
www.fmhs.org; 972.691.7387
Frisco Humane Society
www.friscohumanesociety.com; 972.498.8980

Great Dane Angel Network Rescue
817.361.9855; www.daneangelnetwork.org
Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
www.hartoftexas.org; 214.332.9535
Labrador Retriever Rescue of North Texas
www.labrescuenorthtexas.org; 972.480.LABS (5227)
North Texas Samoyed Rescue, Inc.
www.nortexsamoyed.com; 214.350.1953
Protective Animal League (PAL)
www.onepetatatime.org; 972.881.1981
SADIE Foundation
www.sadie.petfinder.com; k9kids1@verizon.net
Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)
www.starspets.com; 972.459.9181
Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)
www.SPINrescue.org; 972.681.8585
Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.
www.scottiekingdom.com
Straydog, Inc.
www.straydog.org; 903.479.3497
Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue
www.tassieshope.org; 214.550.2648
Texas Animal Shelter Coalition
817.392.3737; www.sheltercoalition.com
Texas Tailwaggers Village Rescue
txtailwaggers@aol.com; txtailwaggers.petfinder.org
Westie Rescue of North Texas
214.432.7541; www.wrnt.org