

Puppies are NOT Stocking Stuffers!



Think twice before getting a friend or family member a puppy for the holidays.



Puppies are adorable. But they are lifetime responsibilities that generally range anywhere from eight to fourteen years, depending upon the breed.

If you have your heart set on giving someone a dog this holiday season, consider gift wrapping dog toys or supplies such as a leash, food bowl or the AKC's *Complete Dog Book* or *Complete Dog Book for Kids*, to symbolize the gift of a dog to come.

Once the hectic holidays are over, the owners-to-be will have a chance to research the breed of dog that best suits their preferences and lifestyle. They'll also be more likely to devote the necessary attention and time to choosing and welcoming their new canine companion into their household.

For detailed information about the more than 150 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club and how to find a responsible breeder in your community, log onto www.akc.org or call **AKC Customer Relations (919) 233-9767**.



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