

# Puppies Are Not Stocking Stuffers



***Think twice before buying a puppy for the holidays. A dog is for life, not for Christmas.***



Puppies are adorable. But they are lifetime responsibilities that live from eight to 15 years or longer, depending on 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, or food bowl 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.



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