



Are you thinking a puppy would make the perfect gift this holiday season?

Among companion animals, dogs are unmatched in their devotion, loyalty and friendship to humankind. Anyone who has ever loved a dog can attest to its hundred-fold return.

But please don't rush to buy a dog for a family member or friend. It is always best for actual owners to choose the breeds and individual dogs that best match their lifestyles, so — instead of an actual puppy — consider wrapping gifts that will help them start the search for their future four-legged best friend of many years to come. The AKC publishes *The AKC's Complete Dog Book* and *The AKC's Complete Dog Book for Kids*. Both make great gifts and are the perfect places to start researching more than 150 breeds of purebred dogs recognized by the AKC. Plus, they're much easier to wrap than a wiggly puppy! You could also wrap boxes with basic supplies, such as water bowls and a leash to symbolize the gift to come of the dog they choose.

The AKC is committed to helping dog owners raise happy, healthy dogs and make the most of their time with their dogs. Take advantage of all AKC has to offer by visiting our website. You'll find a wealth of information that will help in your search for a dog and responsible breeder. You can also locate the next dog show nearest you. Check out a dog show, talk to breeders and owners and get a first-hand look at beautiful AKC-registered purebred dogs and the diverse and distinctive selection of breeds.



Happy Holidays!

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