

Christmas Pups Must Be Selected with Care

Area parents who plan to give their children a pet for Christmas are advised to shop carefully and cautiously.

Puppies usually are the most sought after Christmas pets and the nation's leading dog experts advise the use of special care in selecting a pup.

Prospective dog buyers are advised to buy an animal which is five or six months old rather than a five or six-week-old puppy. Although the older animal will cost slightly more the extra payment includes the price of distemper and hepatitis shots while the young puppy has not yet had these shots and the buyer will have to get them at his own expense.

SEX ALSO is another important factor to consider in purchasing your pup.

Female dogs are said to be quieter, easier to handle and better with children than males, but if you buy a male you won't have to worry about your pup having puppies of its own later on.

Those wanting to buy a thoroughbred dog are advised to look at a full grown animal of that particular breed before buying in order to know what their pup will look like when it grows up.

SELECTING A DOG by breed also is valuable in determining temperament since some breeds are noted for being quiet and solemn while others are frisky and jolly.

Infants, Babies Want Light Toys

Today's infant needs lightweight brightly colored toys of different materials and textures, according to Dr. Grace Langdon, of the American Toy Institute.

These toys should be washable and too big for the babe to swallow. They also should be free of sharp corners or rough edges.

HE WILL ENJOY feeling, patting and hugging soft stuffed animals and dolls. He likes bright balloons to look at and reach for. Balls and push and pull toys will be of interest as he begins to creep and then to walk and run.

Blocks to handle, then to carry around and finally to pile one on top of another will provide for absorbing activity. All kinds of toys to take apart and fit together are enjoyed. Strings of beads which he can bite and shake will be welcomed; bath toys of rubber, plastic or wood will be popular.

Playthings with which he can pound and bang and sand toys with which to dig and pour are basic play favorites.

Rattles and chime toys will be enjoyed. Picture books about animals and children and familiar objects have great appeal.

New Use for Radar

Certain models of the ever-popular Christmas bike now are equipped with radar. They have an electric microphone, amplifier, and loud speaker adjusted to fit behind the seat.

Numerical Game

Rack-O, a numerical card game played with plastic racks, that helps speed learning for children, is a game that different age groups can enjoy together.

If the pup you want belongs to a litter be sure to select one whose eyes are clear and who is friendly, frisky, well-formed and well-fed.

Avoid pups whose eyes are inflamed or watery, who have runny noses and act listless. It also is not wise to buy a pup which is overly shy and which is frightened of humans.

AFTER THE Christmas puppy is purchased, parents are advised to teach their youngsters the rules of caring for a dog, such as letting the little animal get enough sleep.

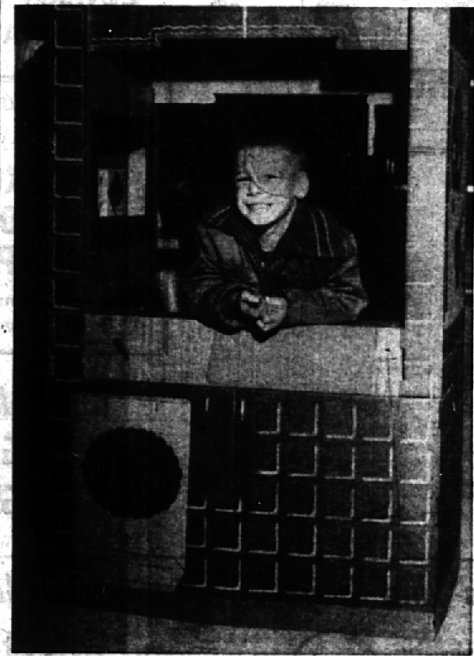
The youngsters also should be taught to lift the pup correctly. He should not be hoisted up by his legs which are easily injured but should be lifted with one hand under the rump and the other under the chest.

To keep the puppy healthy and happy, give him a bed of his own.



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A young man won't have financial worries if he owns a supermarket—especially if he gets his stock from mom's cupboards. Francis (Chips) Fehr, 4, of 15581 Amhurst, Westwood Village, stepped inside this model store, on display at Federal Hardware and Supply, South at Twelve Mile, to see if the business appeals to him. The store, manufactured by Toy Master Products Co., is made of heavy, durable cardboard and sells for \$3.40. Federal Hardware and Supply's owner Samuel Stuart, said a complete line of nationally advertised toys is available at the store, plus hardware and household items, lumber, paints, appliances and fireplace fixtures.



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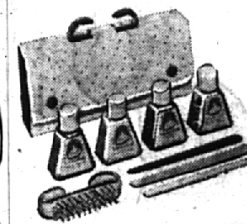
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