



The SPCA of Monterey County Rabbits, Chicks, and Ducklings are a Lifelong Commitment

This Easter, instead of giving a live animal, consider giving a stuffed animal. Stuffed animals are cuddly, cute, and easy to care for. Children lose interest quickly, and “Easter animals” may live ten years or longer. When children are no longer interested in their new animal “toy,” the animal suffers.

There is a right time to bring a pet into the family. When your family is ready to make a lifelong commitment to an animal companion, go to the local animal shelter, where the staff can help you find an animal that is best suited to your household. Remember that an animal is a lifetime commitment, not a holiday toy to be bought as a gift and momentarily enjoyed.

- Baby animals grow up quickly to be adults who may not be so appealing to a child.
- All animals require a serious commitment of time and energy. They need daily interaction and playtime with people, food, water, exercise, attention, and regular veterinary care.
- Chickens and ducks are among species that can transmit salmonella if they are not properly cared for.
- Baby animals can be accidentally killed or permanently injured if children (or adults) handle them incorrectly.

Sadly, most of these animals face futures, not as happy pets, but as unwanted or neglected animals.

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