

# Upper Valley Dog Behavior Consulting and Training

## **PETS ARE NOT FOR CHRISTMAS ONLY**

**Acquiring a pet should be the result of a rational decision. Despite the importance of selecting the appropriate pet, it is often an impulse purchase.**

First decision should be what type of animal you really want. The more thought you give to your specific desires, the better able you will be to find the perfect pet.

Many people are attracted to animals for impractical or sentimental reasons. You will eventually be disappointed with the animal because it does not live up to your unrealistic expectations.

If you work long hours, you may want to avoid high maintenance animals such as dogs or horses. You will have a better chance with an animal that does not require as much attention such as cats, rodents, fish and reptiles.

After you select the type of pet, you will need to find a source for the animal and try to see as many examples of your ideal pet as possible.

If what you want is a dog be realistic of the responsibilities that go along with having a dog. More so, if your child wants a dog, depending on his age and level of maturity, you as the parent should be prepared to take care of the dog. Too many parents get talked into getting a puppy for their children.

Dog ownership is only for those who have the willingness and the ability to accept its responsibilities. The cost of keeping a dog can be significant. In addition to food (the cost of high quality nutritious food is significantly higher than the low quality processed kibble), equipment and veterinary care which are obvious, the dog owner is responsible for the cost of grooming, boarding, licensing and training.

Because dogs bring so much to our lives, we have the responsibility to care for them. Training a dog to be a good citizen in the community, as well as part of our family, is a basic responsibility.

**House soiling ,chewing , digging, barking and jumping are the leading causes of death in dogs. Teaching your dog good manners is a lifesaver!**

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