# All I want for Christmas is a brand new puppy 🐶🎶🎄

The wish of many a boy and girl each Christmas is a new puppy or kitten to love and to hold.

The joys of pet ownership can, by no means, be overstated. Animals provide hours of listening time, comfort in companionship, loyalty, a motivation to be energetic, life skills in training and caring for them. Numerous studies have cited the psychological benefits to pet ownership. But it needs to be stated that many of these endorphins releasing qualities do not come without hard work!

Pet ownership comes with great responsibility. It is extremely rewarding but it is never ending.

Whilst many new pet owners are aware of potential cost related to lifesaving vaccination, worming, feeding and desexing, some other needs may be overlooked. Adequate fencing to keep your pet at home and safe, a pen to allow your pet quiet time while your kids are having a birthday party, the time required each day to interact and train your pet - to create that longed for bond and desired obedience, a safe environment to socialise your pet to reduce inter-dog aggression and make walk times happier.

Whilst many of these things do not necessarily cost money they do require time, persistence and patience. They are also the primary reason many dogs end up in shelters or needing rehoming.

Please remember these absolute requirements as all dogs need a leader and they will look to you their owner for this guidance.

Pet ownership is one of the most rewarding soul-filling experiences one can have but think carefully

and choose wisely this Christmas.