

# Don't forget special pets this time of year

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Special Writer

When you are making out your gift-giving list this time of year for your human companions, set aside a couple lines on the list for your pets. After all, how many of our human friends are available for us to talk to 24 hours a day, volunteer to sleep near our feet on a cold night, or look at us with adoring eyes more often than not and only ask for love, care and a pat on the head in return?

Terri Bennett believes that pets deserve gifts so much, she opened a gift store for pets in 1979. Specialty Pet Supplies at 1498 South Sheldon Road in Plymouth carries "90% of the gifts featured in the magazine Dog Fancy," Bennett says.

Ranging in price from \$1.98 to hundreds of dollars, her store carries thousands of gifts for cats and dogs. If you are looking for an iguana or hamster leash, or a top hat for your pet parakeet, Bennett's got it.

"If we don't have it but you can name it, we can get it," she says. Call 453-6930 if you have a gift in mind that you think no one carries.

Some of her favorite recommendations this time of year are beautifully



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crafted heart-shaped feeding dishes for dogs and what she calls the "Gucci of dog-carriers," Sherpa Bags.

"These bags are soft-sided pet carriers that the airlines will let you take right on board with you," she explains.

Specialty Pet also rents tuxedos to fit all breeds from Chihuahuas to Airedale Terriers for the upscale pooch in your life.

For cats, Bennett recommends the Cat Dancer, an inexpensive toy that she says cats love, and Kitty Bird with lots of

bright, colorful feathers. Her best-selling cat toy is "Sid the Squid."

Now that Socks is in the White House, your Fluffy can even get custom-made furniture through Bennett by the same firm that provided Socks with his own scaled-down version of the Clinton's home.

For the pet who has everything, the ultimate pet gift is a French 18 ct. gold

Birmingham Dog Obedience at 1200 Oak Street, in Birmingham.

"The first 8-week session is more for people than dogs," Armbruster says. "Most people need to learn how dogs learn in order to be a successful owner."

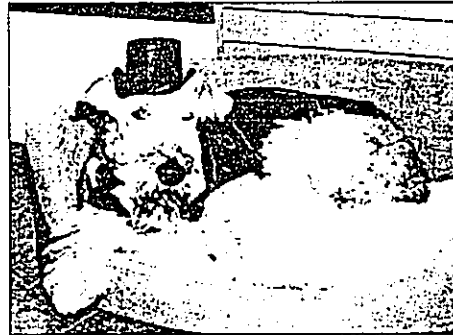
Dogs often don't understand what their owners want because owners don't always know what their expectations are, she says.

The class, at \$129, is a small investment in ensuring that the relationship you have with your dog will be a happy one over the course of its lifetime.

Birmingham Dog Obedience also offers day care, a popular program among working couples. For \$12 a day, dogs get lots of play sessions with other dogs, they are fed and taken outside at least three times.

"By the time the owner picks them up, the dog is ready to settle in. Owners and pets can relax together in the evening,"

Armbruster says. Armbruster can be reached at 258-5004 for more



At Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth, you can find everything from tuxedos to beds for the special animal in your life.

name tag. At \$100, Bennett says that "engraving is, of course, included."

One of the best gifts to yourself and your dog is obedience training, says Heather Armbruster, the owner of

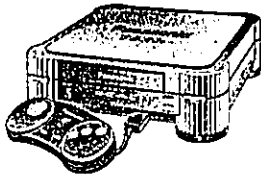
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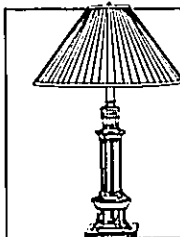
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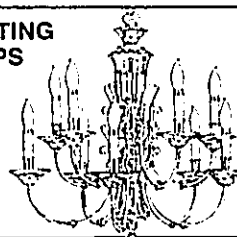


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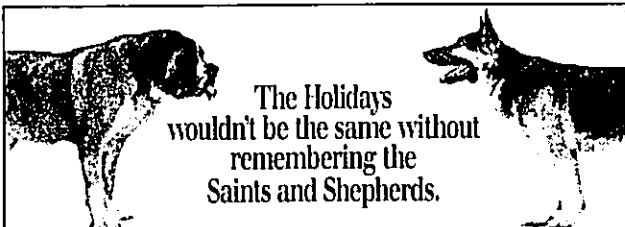
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