

# A GOING HOME SURPRISE



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## Helping Children to Learn Through this Book

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If your child wants a pet, here is a book and story that may help you make that decision. It will also help you know whether your child is ready to own a pet, or if your child is not yet ready to accept the responsibility and routine of pet ownership. This book will also show you how having a pet can be immensely rewarding, especially for a child whose sense of caring may result in "worries" or feeling anxious. Most of all, this book is intended to help you speak with your child about it in a simple way.

### **YOU CAN EXPLAIN:**

- \* Owning a pet is being ready to accept routine (like feeding and cleaning up) AND responsibility (LIKE making sure A pet is comfortable and stays healthy).
- \* You may also say, "You are very capable of taking care of yourself", but I need to know, "Do you want to also take care of someone else?"

And, most important of all, I hope this book helps you and your child to deal with one of life's awesome eventualities, and that is the right time and place to have a family pet.

WARM REGARDS,  
ANN MARIE

*“I want to help you  
find your way”,  
my pre-teen Kathy,  
said that day.*

