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**To Give or Not to Give?**  
 Why gifting a pet during the holidays has its drawbacks  
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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 76% of respondents selected "Dog or Other Pet" as the most normal member of their family.  
 Source: TMarkTees.com

**COUGHING IN DOGS**  
 If your dog has a chronic case of coughing, a veterinarian is your best bet for finding out the cause.

**POISONOUS PLANTS**  
 Before you buy or accept a gift plant, find out which holiday plants can potentially harm your feline.

**KEEP PETS SAFE DAY**  
 The first day of winter, December 22, is the launch of "National Keep Pets Safe in Winter Day."

**Dog Breed** **Top 10** **Cat Breed**

**BASSET HOUND**  
 Named after the French word for "low," this canine has been long revered for its superior sense of smell.

**GIFTS FOR CATS**  
 Since your cat can't speak up to tell you what he wants this year for Christmas, we've compiled a list.

**BALINESE**  
 With a love for affection, it is said that this breed can sense the mood of its humans.

**Fully Vetted** **The Daily Vet** **Purely Puppy**

**WHAT PETS WANT**  
 What makes a good present for a pet? I think it's something that improves the quality of the animal's life.

**TOP 5 DOG GIFTS**  
 Most canines will be similarly enthusiastic about nearly any offering, regardless of holiday or life.

**EWWW ... WORMS**  
 At one time or another, your dog will get some type of parasite. For puppy owners, worms are a real concern.