

# Pointers for Parents

## Gift Ideas You Can Cuddle Up To

(NAPSA)—Kids often add animals to their wish lists—and this season, parents can bring home toy pets that range from a walking dog to a cuddly bear cub, a newborn penguin and a variety of wacky, zany, furry friends from FurReal Friends.

This season's favorites from FurReal Friends play on the nurturing feelings that pets naturally evoke in children. Many parents have discovered that the FurReal Friends brand has a pet for every kid.

Starting with a fluffy, furry toy could be a great learning experience because babies, toddlers and smaller children can playact out the steps involved in owning a real pet.

To introduce your child to the joys of owning a puppy, consider GoGo, My Walkin' Pup. This adorable fluffy toy lets girls 4 years and older em-"bark" on their very own pet adventures. Girls can attach the toy's leash and this perky puppy knows she's ready for a walk. She'll wag her tail, pant and bark just like a real pup to let you know she is excited to get moving. The toy can walk in circles or figure eights.

When the pup is petted, the toy will respond to being touched. Gently stroke the right and left side or the top of her head and she'll playfully bark.

For energetic, interactive kids, consider the Furry Frenzies assortment, for ages 4 and up. Because they skitter, scatter, bump and go where they want to, these wacky pets are on a race to see just who the fastest and the furriest friends are. Press them on their backs and they'll scurry around any flat, smooth surface, exploring the world around them.

Don't worry if they hit a wall or roadblock—they'll just change direction and keep on moving. Press their noses and the creatures



**Furry, friendly and sometimes frenzied. That's how this season's hottest toys can help your child prepare for a real pet.**

show off their personalities, making silly noises and giggling.

A great toy for indoor, snowy-day fun is the Scoot and Scurry City Playset. The set, for children 4 years and older, lets kids take the toys on a fun day of exploring and shopping. The furry pets enjoy racing around busy streets and country roads. Kids can collect and play with Flurry in a Hurry, the swift bunny; Zippy "Zip" McNutty, the hyperactive chipmunk; Captain Crash, the sneaky raccoon; Senorita Scamps, the pretty kitty; Buster Bow Wow, the goofy puppy; and Dash McFlash, the speedy hedgehog.

Children who want to build their menagerie can add furry friends such as Lulu, My Cuddlin' Kitty, which purrs; Luv Cub Bear, which hiccups; and the Newborn Penguin, which chirps and flaps its wings. The cuddly FurReal creatures are available in many different price points.

The Hasbro toys are sold at most major toy retailers nationwide and on [www.HasbroToyShop.com](http://www.HasbroToyShop.com).