

Children & Pets: The Irresistible Combo!

How children can blend fun and responsibility with pets

A presentation for children (toddlers through elementary school)

by

Trisha Adelena Howell and Addie & Rocky the Pekingese

Children and pets can be a delight or a disaster! Fundamental guidelines are the key.

This highly interactive presentation helps children know the joys and responsibilities of pet ownership.

Each 30 minute to 1 hour presentation (depending on attendants' ages and interests) includes:

- Story time—a reading of *The Princess and the Pekinese*
- “Let’s Talk about it!” (Discussion time)
- Interaction with Addie & Rocky the Pekingese

Trisha Adelena Howell, Author and Presenter, reads her endearing picture book, *The Princess and the Pekinese*. It’s an exciting whirlwind adventure with a surprise twist that enables children to discover the value of unconditional love, family, self-worth, acceptance of others, appreciating one’s blessings.

Addie & Rocky the Pekingese, co-presenters of the workshop, are friendly, playful & gentle puppies who interact beautifully with children. They clearly demonstrate the joy an animal friend can bring.

Trisha facilitates discussion of how pets can positively impact our lives, and what children need to know when bringing a pet into their homes. She will help the children discover:

- The joys they can have as pet owners and how domestic animals support and inspire humans (including unconditional love, joy, devotion, companionship, and loyalty)
- What commitments and responsibilities they will have if they get a pet, including feeding, grooming and other elements of caring for the animal.
- What pets have to teach and offer us (including lessons in general values and behavior, heroism, how to care for others, how to safely interact with a stranger pet, how interacting with animals boosts physical and mental health)
- Delightful horizon-expanding pet-related activities (including pet sitting, pet walking, pet training, pet showing, pet parks, breed specific events)
- The joys and challenges of rescued animals—Is a rescue right for you? (including the background, dangers, training, and special needs of a rescued animal)

Trisha will provide a free handout (via a web link) for parents and older children. It includes detailed information about how and where to choose the right pet, lifelong care at home, pet proofing the house, food, exercise, play, cleanup, medical/dental care, special needs, spaying/neutering, and what to do when traveling with or without your pet. It also tells where to find further information on pets and pet resources (books, websites, organizations, stores).

Trisha Adelena Howell has published 6 books. Her current animal-related titles include *The Princess and the Pekinese* and *The Pekinese Who Saved Civilization*. Trisha started adopting injured wild birds at an early age and has been rescuing and caring for dogs and cats for over 30 years. She is presently the Rescue Chairman of the Evergreen State Pekingese Club.

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