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A tisket, a tasket, don't put a live bunny or chick in an Easter basket!

Complete the sample flyer using the words in the box.

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| animals | care |
| children | ducklings |
| hug | lifetime |
| pets | scratch |
| shelters | thousands |

Dear Parent,

Are you thinking that a chick, duckling, or bunny would make a great Easter gift? Please think again! We learned in *KIND News* this month that giving an animal as a gift can be a big mistake. Here are some important things you should know.

Each year, _____ of animals are given as Easter gifts. Most of the animals do not live for more than a few days or weeks. Of those who survive, many are left at animal _____ or abandoned in fields. Most people don't realize—and aren't prepared for—how much _____ the animals need.

Sure, they're cute, but chicks, bunnies, and _____ are not good _____ for children. The small animals' bones are very fragile. A loving _____ from a young child can cause injury or death to the delicate animals.

Handling the animals can also be dangerous to _____. Bunnies do not like to be held and might bite or _____ when picked up. Ducklings and chicks can carry Salmonella bacteria. Handling the animals could expose children to the bacteria, causing serious illness.

A pet is a _____ commitment, not a holiday toy. We hope you'll take our advice and not put real _____ in your child's Easter basket. Your child will enjoy a toy rabbit or chocolate bunny even better—we know we would!

Thank you,

_____ **KIND Club**

