

Kid's Page

Dear Vany

Junior Reporter Vanessa "Vany" Masterson answers some *Palisadian-Post* readers' questions.

Dear Vany,

I really want a dog. How can I convince my parents to get me one?

Thank you,
Anonymous

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Dear Anonymous,

To get a dog, this is what I think you should do:

1. Do things around the house. If your mom or dad asks you to do something, never moan or whine about it. Just do it, and when you are done with the task, ask them "anything else?"
2. DON'T BEG. This is one of the biggest ones. If you lay on your knees and start crying for a dog, then you'll never get one. It would be much better to ask them a couple of times.
3. After you have completed steps 1 and 2, you should find a weekend when you have no plans, and ask your mom or dad, "Can we go to the pet shelter?" Then you and your parents will be more familiar with dogs.
4. Write a contract. If you write a contract saying that you (and your siblings if you have any) will take the dog on walks, feed it and pick up its poop, then your parents will feel less pressured and more giving.

If you apply these tips, then you may get a dog!

Thanks,
Vany



Dear Vany,

Should you invite everyone in your class to your party or just the people you feel close to?

Anonymous

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Dear Anonymous,

Let me put it this way: If you have a summer birthday, then you can invite only a couple of people from your class and a couple of people from a different class—basically anyone you want.

Now, if you have a school year birthday, then you can:

Option 1: Invite everyone in your class. You will have a lot of people at your b-day party, but at least no one's feelings will get hurt.

Option 2: Invite everyone that is your gender in your class, or invite everyone in the opposite gender of your class. This way, if all the girls are talking and all the boys are talking and someone brings it up, you can avoid someone being mad at you.

Option 3: Only invite the people you feel close to. This may be risking someone being mad or sad, but you may have a better party. I asked my brother about this because he has a school year birthday, and he says inviting everyone in your class is something you do not have to do, but you are taking a risk.

In conclusion, I think age matters. If you are under the middle of third grade, then people are more sensitive about parties. If not, invite anyone you want! I hope you will be able to decide on who to invite to your party!!

Thanks,
Vany