

Conversations with My Daughter Helping the animals?

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T: Dad, remember I wanted to have a club to help the animals last year?

Dad: Of course, I remember! What's going on with that thought?

T: Well, I was busy and now I want to work on it.

Dad: Do you have a plan? Did you give it any more thoughts?

T: You said many people don't have money and can't keep their pets and they give them away.

Dad: Well, I said that I heard on the radio that with the bad economy some people who cannot buy food for their pets take them to shelters and sometimes they just abandon them altogether.

T: And you said that when shelters are overwhelmed they destroy the animals.

Dad: That's what I heard!

T: How do they destroy them daddy?

Dad: The same way they put an ailing pet to sleep.

T: That's so sad.

Dad: of course it is. But, there's help on the way! There are places who donate food to some pet owners; that encourages them to continue to care for their pets.

T: I want my club to do that.

Dad: You want your club to donate food?

T: I want my club to help the animals.

Dad: Tell me again what your plan is. I remember you wanted to have a club that reunites lost pets with their owners. Do you still want to do that?

T: Can I change my plan.

Dad: sure you can. But, the plan you had seemed like a good one - why change it?

T: well, I want to help the pets who are losing their families.

Dad: That is so sweet! That is so sweet! Tell me how you want to do it; actually, tell me what you want to do.

T: I want to have a website. Can you make me a website?

Dad: Have no time! Sorry! Designing a website takes time, planning and energy. I have thousands of things to do and no time to do them.

T: But, I want you do design a website for me. I never had a website?

Dad: No can do! Really! If I had the time I would fix my own websites.

T: dad, I help you make a website for me.

Dad: Plan! Plan! Let's hear it! What can a website do for you?

T: Many people who go on Google (Google.com) can see it and maybe they can help the animals.

Dad: You have to submit your website to search engines like Google. That's costly. Owning a website is costly. There are monthly charges daily charges and some times charges by the minute. I already have websites that are overhead expenses.

T: I can pay for it.

Dad: How?

T: With my allowance.

Dad: Your allowance is \$2.25 a week? It takes many, many, many weeks to pay me back!

T: Dad, I want a website.

Dad: That's not how you get a website – now is it?

T: Please?

Dad: Still need a plan though. What are you going to achieve by having a website.

T: will you design it for me?

Dad: I won't say it again!



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T: Dad, I have a suggestion. Can you design me a website for Christmas? I don't want any Christmas gifts.
Dad: This Christmas? Tomorrow? Don't you think Santa already got you all the gifts you ordered?
T: You're my Santa – no gifts – just give me a website.
Dad: You are willing to give up Christmas gifts for a website?
T: Yep!
Dad: I need to know what this website is going to do – What this website does is your plan of action.
T: Help the animals.
Dad: More details – how?
T: We can tell people to adopt the stranded animals, to give them food and, and...
Dad: Okay! Good! Write them down – in your idea book. You need a name for your site.
T: You're going to design it for me? I love you daddy. You're the best.
Dad: It's a great idea! Seems like you know what you want to do. I love to be a part of it! But, still you're going to plan it, find a name for it. And, you'll be responsible for updates, and maintenance.
T: How about helping pets for a name?
Dad: Not bad – chances are it's taken.
T: Help the pets. Helping animals. Animal rescue?
Dad: Let's go and research these URL's.
T: U R L s?
Dad: Universal Resurce Locator – U R L. it's the address of a website.
Checking website names on the internet... See all these good names are taken. Do you have any other names in mind?
T: How about help my pets dot com?
Dad: helpmypets.com? Let's check.... *Checking website names on the internet...* Sorry taken. Some one else registered it.
T: Darn it!
Dad: How about help4pets.com?
T: How about helpmypets.com?
Dad: I like help4pets.com? I, specially, like the 4 in the middle. It makes it more attractive.
T: But I like helpmypets.com!
Dad: Let's check availability! *Checking website names on the internet...* Not listed but registered to someone else. Strange. Do you want to at least check help4pets.com?
T: Nope.
Dad: Then you need to come up with a different name.
T: Support my pets?
Dad: Too long! Aid my pets – aid4ypets.com. There you go that's a good name.
T: How about aidmypets.com ? I like that more!
Dad: Let's check. *Checking website names on the internet...* Oh! It's available. Let's make it an org - aidmypets.org. It's better. Now your job just begins! Write down everything you want to publish in your website and I help you clean it up. We'll upload the texts together.
T: thank you daddy. Thank you... Thank you...
Dad: you're most welcome. Were you, really, going to give up your gifts?
T: Yes I am. I love dogs. I want to help them.
Dad: But remember, this is about helping all pets: snakes, rats, cats, hamsters, birds, not just dogs.
T: Of course I know that!



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