

## 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](http://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](http://help4pets.com)?  
**T:** How about [helpmypets.com](http://helpmypets.com)?  
**Dad:** I like [help4pets.com](http://help4pets.com)? I, specially, like the 4 in the middle. It makes it more attractive.  
**T:** But I like [helpmypets.com](http://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](http://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](http://aid4ypets.com). There you go that's a good name.  
**T:** How about [aidmypets.com](http://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](http://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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