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Go Stuffed or Sweet this Weekend

Downey, CalifSEAACA officials know how much fun Easter is, especially for the kids.

Who can blame them? Easter morning typically brings an abundance of assorted sweet treats, Easter egg hunts and oftentimes, a warm/ fluffy bunny, or chick, waiting to snuggle. Well, this year SEAACA would like to recommend resisting the impulse purchase of bunnies or chicks as Easter gifts. "Rabbits and chicks, like all other domestic pets, require daily sustenance, care and actually have some special needs," says Dan Morrison, Executive Director for SEAACA. "These cute little creatures grow up to be adult sized animals and may not appeal to the kids anymore, possibly resulting in them being dumped in the wild or turned in to the animal care center", said Morrison.

Here are some things to consider before bringing an Easter bunny or chick home for the holidays:

- These animals grow up quickly and may lose their appeal to the recipient.
- They require exercise, food, water, shelter and require frequent cleaning of their living quarters.
- They are delicate creatures, susceptible to heat and extreme cold. Make sure their living arrangements are comfortable.
- Be prepared to care for them for their entire lifetime.

SEAACA suggests substituting the real thing for a stuffed animal or perhaps a chocolate replica this Easter season, and adopting from your local animal shelter, if, still interested after the holiday season.

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