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In some ways giving a dog to someone as a present can be good but it can be bad too and I'm going to tell you why.

Why it's bad

If you give a dog to someone you're taking away from its family for your happiness, imagine if you were taken away from your family knowing that you can do nothing about it. Even if you're giving a dog you shouldn't wrap it in a box because there is a chance it can suffocate and die then you have wasted such an innocent life. Some owners don't know how to feed and look after them properly therefore they end up being unwell and not in a good state, dogs don't deserve that because of your mistakes. Why would you want a dog anyway? They stink up your house then you smell of dogs and it's a lot of money to look after when it's sick and when it's hungry, you're wasting money.

Why it's good

It's good to have a dog because having a dog around can lead to lower levels of stress for both adults and kids. They've been found to decrease the risk of asthma in children and have been linked to lower blood pressure. Owning a dog is a good way to become responsible because it's a big responsibility. When you have a dog it makes you happier and you'll always have a friend to rely on and it will keep you safe. When the boy in the story got a dog you could tell that the dog loved him from the start and wanted to play and in the end they were best friends and the boy finally went outside because dogs give you the confidence you need.

Which side will you choose?