

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

My family decided last Christmas that we would not do multiple gifts for everyone. Instead, we chose to each select a favorite charity and give a gift in a family member's name. You know where my gift is going. My son gives to a fund that helps musicians, my sister is the founder of Her Story Theater which addresses women's rights and related issues, Mike has Muskies Inc. and we both love The Park Center.

But what about our pets? What would Belle, Gracie, Lola, Miss Flack, and Chip like for Xmas?

Well, toys are always a good choice, Belle loves catnip treats, Chip and Lola love balls that squeak and Gracie likes toy chickens and turkeys. Miss Flack loves her scratching platforms. Last year we gave her one that was designed like a DJ's turn table.

I looked up best toys for 2021 for cats. Here are some of the suggestions: Prosper Pet Collapsible cat tunnel. Cats love to crawl into things but this looks like it would be too small for Belle – she is full figured girl.

I found a Sushi Catnip Plush collection. It is darling – Belle would really like this. Actually, this is what she is getting this year – please do not tell her.

There is a **gorgeous** dining table set by ViviPet that is the perfect gift for cats. It's stunning in **appearance** and keeps things nice and tidy. It comes in wood grain or in plain white and the shallow wide ceramic **cat shaped** dishes are supposedly designed to make eating more **comfortable** for your cat. It's also really nice to be able to pick them up by the "ears" and **avoid** getting any cat food on your hands. The table is **slanted** at a decent angle, so they won't have to stand on it or stretch to reach their food.

The SnuggleSafe heat pad is **perfect** for winter. It's non-toxic and just needs to be **popped** in the microwave for between 3 to 5 minutes depending on the microwave strength. It retains heat for absolutely **ages**, and is best placed under any bed or pad to provide lasting warmth throughout. Ideal for kittens or older cats on **cold** nights. The cat should not sleep directly on the heat pad. It's also the best way to dictate **where** your cat sleeps at night which is an added bonus. Thankfully, there's **no** electric involved, so you don't have to worry about turning it off at night. This gift would be a possibility for Belle and Miss Flack.

Cats absolutely **adore** the scratcher lounge. It's made from **recycled** cardboard and non-toxic glue. The curves make it **perfect** for a cat to lie on and scratch. It looks really modern and stylish, so unlike **most** scratchers or posts, it won't look out of place in your house. You get the best of both worlds. We gave this to Miss Flack two years ago and she was instantly on it. Give your cats something

I found the Twelve Days of Christmas for Cats – singing always brightens a gathering! On the First day of Christmas my owners gave to me a Pawtridge in a Purr Tree - On the Second Day of Christmas..... two belly rubs – On the Third Day of Christmas... three scratching posts – On the Fourth Day of Christmas....four paper bags – On the Fifth Day of Christmas.....five shiny things – On the Sixth Day of Christmas.....six catnip mousies – On the Seventh Day of Christmas.....seven goldfish swimming – On the Eighth Day of Christmas.....eight mice a squeaking – On the Ninth Day of Christmas.....nine lasers dancing – On the Tenth Day of Christmas....ten Lizards leaping – On the Eleventh Day of Christmas..... Eleven tins of Tuna – On the Twelfth Day of Christmas.....twelve cardboard boxes. Sometimes simple is good.

Well now I have to think about what Chip, Lola and Gracie would like for a gift. The important thing is to always give the gift of patience and love.