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Dear Lily,

We were appalled when we heard you say that you returned your adopted dog, Mary, to the shelter because she chewed your family's passports. While you could get new passports and rebook your flights, Mary may spend many months in the shelter waiting for a new family – if she's lucky enough to find one at all.

Anyone who knows and loves dogs understands that it's likely a dog will, at some point, chew up something in the home. Dogs often explore the world by putting things in their mouths – it's natural! Couldn't you have put your important documents in a drawer?

Dogs should never be treated as accessories to be discarded when they become inconvenient. They are loyal companions who deserve the same unwavering love and commitment they offer us. It's for this reason that we beg you, please, not to get another dog. Instead, we're sending you a mechanical toy puppy, which requires none of the care, patience, or commitment that a real one does. It really is the only animal you should bring into your home.

Kind regards,

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