Helping Paw survey

1.What is your Name:

1Arjean De Aldrey

2.Patrick

3.Sven

4.RICK

5.Jasper

6Rowan Ramsy

7.Valentin

2.Where are you from?

1The Caribbean

2.Romania/Transylvania

3.GERMANY/SAXONY-ANHALT

3/Overijssel

5.Emmen

6.U.S.A. NEW JERSEY

7Bulgaria Sofia

3.Are animal shelters a frequent sight in your residence?

1No

2No

3.YES

4.NOT ANYMORE

5.2 or three

6.no

7.YES but none that I am familiar of

4.Have you ever visited an animal shelter?

1Yes

2No

3No

4.YES

5.NO

6.NO

7.NO but I have visited several times animal clinics

5.Have you had or Do you have a Pet? If yes describe it, please?

1YES. Cat.NO breed.

2Yes I’ve had/Now I don’t. Before I had a RABBIT/PARROT/FISH

3.YES.CAT

4.yes.2 CATS

5.Yeah. CAT from a rescue shelter

6.no . 2 cats- one black and the other yellow grey.

7.YES. 2 cats before and two cats now. All stray cats.

-Where did you got it from?(The streets/ Animal shelter/ Specialized Breeding Farm/ Friend or family gift)

1Animal Shelter.

2.Can’t recall. Probably pet shop.

3. Private party

4.Animal shelter and private party

5.Rescue shelter

6.Doesn’t recall. Possibly private party or streets.

7.Streets.

-How old was it when you adopted it?

1Year old

2.6 months

3.BIRTH

4.Does not recall

5.Does not recall.

6.1 YEAR

7.BIRTH

-Was it in good health & shape?

1YES

2.YES

3.Yes

4.YES

5.Definetly not

6.Yes

7.No. Most certainly no.

* How long have you had it?

1.2/3 YEARS

2.2YEARS.

3.13 YEARS

4.6 YEARS

5.2 and half years

6.5 years

7.4 years and counting

6.Would you adopt an animal from an animal shelter?

1.YES

2.Yes

3.Yes

4.YES

5.Animal shelter or stray cat

6.Sure

7.YES but probably from the streets

7.IF YES Would you choose a young cute one, pure breed or would you go for something else? For example a shy, timid one?

1.A shy one with less chance of adoption to give it a chance.

2.It has to be cute

3.NO physical requirements. Personal connection

4.not about 10 years old/HEALTY/

5.It has to have a Character

6.CAT and it should Not have many special needs

7. NO physical requirements. Personal connection

8. Would you ever volunteer in a animal shelter?

1.IF I had the time YES.

2NO

3.NO but I would like to send money or raise awareness.

4.NO but I would like to donate and raise awareness. If I had the time I could.

5.No if asked I might. Depends on them, If what I’ve heard about them is positive and I believe in their cause. Yes an animal shelter

6.YEAH/YEA most definitely

7.Yes in free time such as vacation or weekends.

9.In Phoenix, Arizona animal purchasing has been prohibited by law do you agree with this?

1YES

2YES

3.NO but only if there is such a big problem with stray animals there. (There was)

4.Yeah

5.Yeah

6YEAS

7.YES

10. There are about [70 million stray animals](http://www.oxfordpets.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=61) living in the U.S.

The two main reasons animals end up in shelters are because they’ve either been surrendered by their guardians or picked up off the street by animal control officers.

Of this 70 million, only about six to eight million cats and dogs enter the nation’s 3,500 shelters every year, according to the [Humane Society of the United States](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html).

That evens out to about five homeless animals for every homeless person in the U.S, reports [DoSomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-animal-homelessness).

About [30 percent](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html) of shelter dogs are eventually reclaimed by their guardians, with cats far behind at [only 2 to 5 percent](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html).

What’s more, only about [three to four million cats and dogs are adopted](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html)from shelters each year.

Know what this means? Nearly half of all animals that arrive in U.S. shelters are euthanized because there is a lack of space and adopters, amounting to roughly [2.7 million dead animals](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html) every year or [five out of every ten dogs and seven out of every ten cats](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/education/) – that’s like 80,000 animals per week.

Five out of every ten shelter dogs each year amounts to about [5,500 euthanized dogs](http://www.onegreenplanet.org/news/artist-memorializes-5500-dogs-killed-in-shelters-every-da-with-5500-paintings/) *every day*.

Of all the dogs that enter the shelter system, pit bull types have it the worst with a shockingly high euthanasia rate of 93 percent.

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|  | Dogs | Cats |
| Animal Shelter/Humane Society | 23% | 31% |
| Friends/Relatives | 20% | 28% |
| Breeder | 34% | 3% |
| Stray | 6% | 27% |
| Private Party | 12% | 6% |
| Other | 32% | 39% |

10.Has this information changed your opinion about the last question or changed your opinion on supporting animal shelters?

1.NO

2.NO but Yes I didn’t know

3.NO but now I’m prompted to look up the situation with animal shelters if it’s this dire.

4.NO

5.NO

6.NO

7.NO

11.Did you think this problem is this severe?

1YES

2YES

3.NO/Lack of animal shelters.

4.Didn’t knew exactly how bad it was but he knew it was a big problem

5. Didn’t knew exactly how bad it was but he knew it was a big problem

6. Didn’t knew exactly how bad it was but he knew it was a big problem

7.NO by all means NO

Summed up information Gathered

The people I asked are from The Caribbean, Romania, Bulgaria, Germany/Saxony, U.S.A.-New Jersey,2 from Overijssel/ Netherlands.

Animal shelters aren’t many in their home towns or they know of some but are not familiar with who they are or what their name is.

All of them have had or currently have a pet at their residence. Their common time spent with their animal is always above 2 years. (Strong bond formed) Yet almost no one has ever visited an animal shelter in their life but if asked if they would ever adopt a pet from a pet shelter all of them agreed. Most of them have received their animal from a private party or from the streets. Only two people had retrieved a pet in a poor condition and helped mend it back, most of them have acquired their pet in full health. Almost everybody denied the possibility of volunteering in an animal shelter, main reason lack of time or possibility. However most of them agreed they would like to contribute spread awareness or if they have the financial possibility to donate. Almost all of them have a shared opinion on prohibition of animal breeding farms.

Finally the information given was in a sense familiar to all of them but no one exactly knew the extent of the problem.