

# Happy-pet Adoption

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## Why Should You Adopt a pet?

A better question would be: why shouldn't you adopt a pet? There are so many benefits to adopting a pet over buying your furry companion that they warrant an article of their own. But let's keep it simple. Here are the top 3 reasons for adopting a dog:

### **#1 Adoption Saves Lives**

Did you know that around 670,000 dogs are euthanized in shelters across the United States every year?

I know it's hard to hear things like this, but it is necessary to let this number sink in. Only after you allow yourself to REALLY understand the severity of the situation can you realize why adoption matters.

When you decide on adopting a animal, you're not only getting a new best friend. You're giving an unfortunate pooch a new chance at life and a loving family to call their own.

### **#2 Adoption Costs Less**

If you're wondering how much it costs to adopt a animal, and you're worried that you won't be able to afford getting a pooch from a shelter, you're in for some good news. Adopting from shelters is much cheaper than buying from a breeder - and it can often even be free.

The cost of adopting a animal is even smaller when you realize that rescue animals are already microchipped, spayed or neutered, dewormed, and vaccinated, and that all that is covered by the adoption fee.

### **#3 Adoption Is Humane**

Apart from saving lives, by taking in a homeless dog, you will also help suppress overpopulation. Surgical sterilization is mandatory for each dog or cat that end up in shelters, which prevents them from reproducing and bringing more homeless animals into the world. There are already too many dogs and not nearly enough available homes. When you decide to adopt, you'll be reducing the number of shelter dogs (even if it's just one dog) and you'll be sure you didn't contribute to the problem.

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## **What to Expect When Adopting an animal?**

Even though you might really want to save an animal from a shelter or a rescue organization, you might not be a suitable candidate. It's true that there are countless pups waiting for an owner, but it's essential for shelters to thoroughly check people before they give them an animal to take home. The goal is to ensure that each animal for adoption goes to a happy, loving family that will be a good match for their personality, and not end up in the shelter again.

Most shelters have the same rules when it comes to the adoption process, and it looks like this:

- Apply for adoption.
- Go through an interview with one of the shelter's counselors.
- If you pass the interview and the pooch you chose is the right fit for your family, you might need to pay a small adoption fee before bringing them home