



Why Adopt from a Shelter or Rescue Group?

Animal shelters and rescue groups are full of wonderful animals, but nationally, only 20% of the dogs and cats in homes were adopted from these groups. Animals at your local shelter are eager to join new families and are waiting for someone just like you.

REASONS TO ADOPT

- 1)** Be a hero. Adoption saves an animal whose life literally depends on getting a new home.
- 2)** Adopting a homeless animal is a generous act of compassion, and an expression of the inherent value of animals.
- 3)** You will be assured that you are not contributing to the homeless animal tragedy by encouraging the breeding of even more animals into an already-overpopulated world.
- 4)** There's a large selection of animals to choose from (and not just dogs and cats!)
- 5)** Looking for a purebred? If the animal you want is not at your local shelter, there is a rescue group for virtually every type of purebred dog and cat.
- 6)** Adoption counselors have great expertise about animals, know the specific animals in the shelter, and can help you make the perfect match.
- 7)** Many shelter animals are already housebroken and trained, and have some understanding of what living with a family is like and how to fit in. They have a "head-start" on animals from pet stores or breeders.
- 8)** Most shelters screen their animals for good health and temperament.
- 9)** Save money. Adopting from a shelter is usually less expensive than buying from a store or a breeder. Shelter adoption packages build in the cost of spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchip identification into their adoption fees.
- 10)** It's the right and ethical thing to do! You will be helping, one animal at a time, to bring an end to this nation's tragic homeless animal problem.

RESOURCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON ADOPTION

To locate a breed rescue group, call your local animal shelter, check the classified section of the newspaper. The internet also has many, many resources on breed rescue groups.

Most shelters and many rescue groups are listed on the following websites, and you can even view the animals they have available for adoption:

www.Petfinder.com

www.Pets911.com

www.1-800-Save-A-Pet.com

Everyone can help end America's homeless animal tragedy