

## Difference Between Adopting And Buying A Dog

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National Rescue Dog Day is celebrated annually on May 20th and brings about the question of choosing between adopting a dog from a shelter or buying a dog from a breeder. This is a common choice many families have to make when they set out to add a dog to their family. There is a major difference between adding a rescue dog to your family and buying one from a breeder. There are some small differences between dog rescues and dog shelters. Both are places where families can go look at dogs to add to their family and both house and care for dogs looking for homes. Dogs in shelters are likely strays, or maybe they have been surrendered by former owners. **Shelters provide food, medical care, training, and love to these dogs until they're adopted out.** While there are many differences between dogs and cats, the adoption process for both animals is fairly similar. Owning each type of pet is very different, but where you look for the right fuzzy family member and which traits you consider before adopting a pet are the same. Here are the different things to think about before adopting a dog or cat. Why should you adopt? Dog adoption and cat adoption saves lives. Adopt a dog or adopt a cat and you'll have a friend for life! What is the difference between adopting a dog, adopting a cat, adopting a kitten or adopting a puppy versus getting dogs for sale, cats for sale, puppies for sale or kittens for sale from a dog breeder or a cat breeder? When someone is breeding puppies or breeding kittens, they are creating new dogs and cats who need homes. Some people are interested in a very specific breed of dog, cat, puppy or kitten and they think the only way to find that specific breed is to buy a dog for sale or buy a cat for sale from a

puppy breeder or a kitten breeder. Yet animal shelters are filled with dogs and cats who must find homes. So rather than buying a dog or puppy for sale from a dog breeder or buying a cat or kitten for sale from a cat breeder, we encourage people to adopt a dog, adopt a cat, adopt a puppy or adopt a kitten at their local animal shelter, SPCA, humane society or pet rescue group. There are two different levels to this debate. There is the moral question of whether or not we should even consider buying puppies when there are dogs in shelters needing homes. And then there are the practical aspects of adopting a dog vs buying a puppy. Which is what we are mainly going to focus on here. In the end, it depends on what type of dog owner you want to be when deciding between adopting a dog versus buying from a breeder. Whichever method you choose, we are sure you will all get along famously and your dog will be well loved. **While you are completing the paperwork and buying a dog license, the dog you are adopting will go to our clinic for a final physical exam.** All dogs available for adoption have already been spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and given vaccinations. You will also receive a complimentary collar, leash and an information packet. Such prodigious costs underscore the value of adopting one of the 3.9 million dogs brought to U.S. shelters each year and thus helping to save it from a roughly 30 percent chance of being euthanized, according to the ASPCA. Not only do adoption fees (usually around \$250, according to WalletHub research) pale in comparison to the cost of buying a puppy from a breeder, but hereditary health problems will also be less of a concern because most shelter dogs are mutts. The following charts illustrate how pet owners prioritize their spending as well as the extent to which per-pet spending has grown in recent years. This information can prove quite useful in terms of understanding the evolving financial burden imposed by pet ownership as well as by providing perspective regarding the difference between doggy luxuries and necessities. When deciding between a male and a female, consider your lifestyle and what type of relationship you hope to have with your feline friend. If you want a furry friend who will play with your kids and spend hours snuggled up

by your side, adopting a male kitten might be your best bet. If, however, you work long hours and your feline friend will be spending a lot of time alone, consider bringing home a female.

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