

Adopt and save a life

According to the HSUS about 8 million dogs and cats wind up in animal shelters each year many due to human circumstances. Sadly, about half of them are euthanized because they can't find homes. If only a small percentage of those seeking to add a pet to their families in the next year choose to adopt from a shelter, it would have a dramatic affect and save a couple million dogs and cats from being euthanized.

Surprisingly most people don't know that you can adopt a well socialized dog that is already neutered, up to date with vaccines, and health checked. A good number of these animals know basic commands and are housebroken, two other good reasons to adopt from a shelter rather than purchasing from a Pet Store or over the internet. Besides, more often than not Pet Stores and Internet sales are providing the trusting consumer with dogs obtained from puppy mills. Frequently, along with a high price tag you may acquire health and genetic problems, not to mention you'd be supporting inhumane commercial factory-style breeding facilities.

Regardless of the breed or age you want, chances are you can find your next best friend at a shelter. Besides the Clifton Shelter you can search for animals available for adoption across the country at www.petfinder.com and www.theshelterpetproject.org. At the very least, do your homework and buy from a reputable breeder; who won't be selling their puppies on the internet to the highest bidder.

As a way of helping support animal adoptions, I am offering a free consultation and training lesson to Clifton residences that have adopted a dog or cat and needs some help getting started. Space is limited/first come first served/proof of adoption is required.



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