

## Shelter or Breeder: Where Should I Adopt My Dog?

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With COVID lasting over a year now more and more people are adopting what are being called “COVID puppies.” In the last year pet adoptions have increased in [large intervals](#). This leaves people wondering where they should adopt their dog from. Shelters don't always have the [breed](#) you are looking for but adopting from a breeder or



store doesn't seem like the best option when on average 3.3 million [dogs arrive at shelters](#) in the U.S a year.

On average 34% of dogs are [adopted from breeders](#).

23% of dogs are adopted from shelters and humane societies. There is also the fact that we need to remember that the

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animals we leave in some shelters for too long

(dependent on the shelter) can be euthanized or will stay in the

shelter for a

long time if they do not get adopted. It really depends on what you as a person are looking for in a companion.

Breed may play a role in how your pet behaves, but each dog also has their own

personality, [some of it lies in their genes](#)

and some involves behaviors that the owner lets shine. It becomes apparent that breed may not always dictate what kind of companion your dog

will be. All dogs have their specific needs. Some need

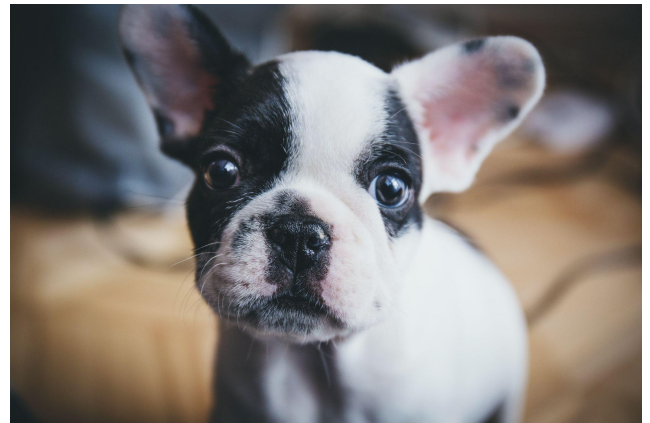


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more activity while some like to hang out with you. It is not specific to a breed while if you are set on a breed it is good to [do your research](#).

Consequently it is a better choice to adopt from a shelter. The discovery that your dog will have an individual personality changes why one would adopt from a breeder. This and the excess of dogs needing a home makes the choice obvious. As long as there are dogs needing a home, adopting from a shelter is the way to go.

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