

Why Adopt a Rescue or Shelter Dog?

Unfortunately, many folks think dogs that end up in a rescue or shelter are genetically and behaviorally inferior. My opinion is - it's the humans that 'surrender' or abandon the dogs that are 'damaged'. Beyond doing a "good deed", adopting a rescue dog can be the best decision and addition to the family you ever made.

As long as you do some real soul searching as to:

- Why you want to add a canine companion to your life.
- Realize that adopting a dog is a long-time commitment.
- You are prepared to TRAIN your dog , socialize them, provide ALL needed medical care, provide appropriate nutrition and exercise.
- Research the breed(s) of the dog you are interested in - or research to find a breed that would work best with you.

In a society that puts so much emphasis on looks, money, status... your canine companion will love you unconditionally... no matter what!

A Rescue Dog is the Perfect Package

You can walk the malls and agonize over the items on your list but you will not purchase a greater gift than the one you gave when you said "Yes" to a dog in need.

Rescued dogs do not come in perfectly wrapped presents that you find under your tree on December 25th or next to a birthday cake. They come to us with histories, often sad or imperfections such as missing teeth or scars from their past. Some are strays with pasts that remain a mystery. Some experience behavioral issues - separation anxiety, digging, jumping or barking while some are special needs dogs that require additional time and patience.

As you read this, please stop, take a deep breath, relax and smile. At some point this past year, you gave a loving home and a second or third chance to one of God's beautiful creatures, who through no fault of their own were put in a position of not being wanted, of not fitting into their families' lives. Your caring, love and generosity cannot be surpassed - you have given the ultimate gift.

On behalf of the dogs who cannot speak for themselves and the rescue, I want to thank you for your support.

You have kept rescue in operation.

At times during the year, when you become overwhelmed and stressed, take a moment to look in your dog's eyes and receive the only gift they can give to you - their unconditional love - a special love that I know did not come into your life as the perfect package.