

# Secondary research

There are different ways of pet adoption

- through social media
- through relatives and friends
- stray animals
- from pet shelters

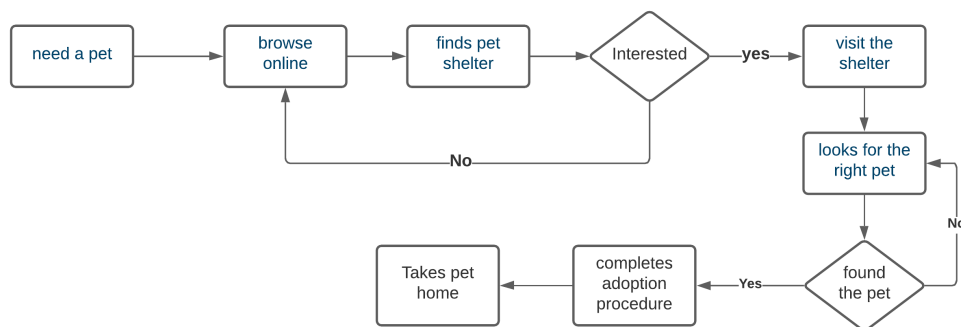
## Advantages of adopting a pet

- **Save one of the millions of animals euthanized in shelters every year.** When you adopt a shelter animal, you give one of these adoptable dogs a second chance at a new, healthy life and a happy home.
- **Discover that the dog you thought you wanted isn't the one you need.** For example, you may think you want a puppy but discover that an older dog is calmer and better trained, so a shelter may be a much better place to find your fit.
- **Pay less for your new best friend.** Adoption fees typically are far below what pet stores charge.
- **Find out more about your new dog than you can from a pet store.** Responsible shelters provide you with plenty of care information, support, temperament evaluation, and more.
- **Get more specific information about a shelter animal from shelter workers.** Talk to the people who have been spending time with the dog to find out about what the animal is like and what he needs.
- **Feel good about contributing to and supporting a process that supports the welfare and management of stray animals in your community.** You can get involved with the process in many ways, from adopting pets to donating money to volunteering your time.
- Most shelters include many volunteers on their staffs, solicit donations, and conduct fundraisers. They often need your help. In fact, humane societies and

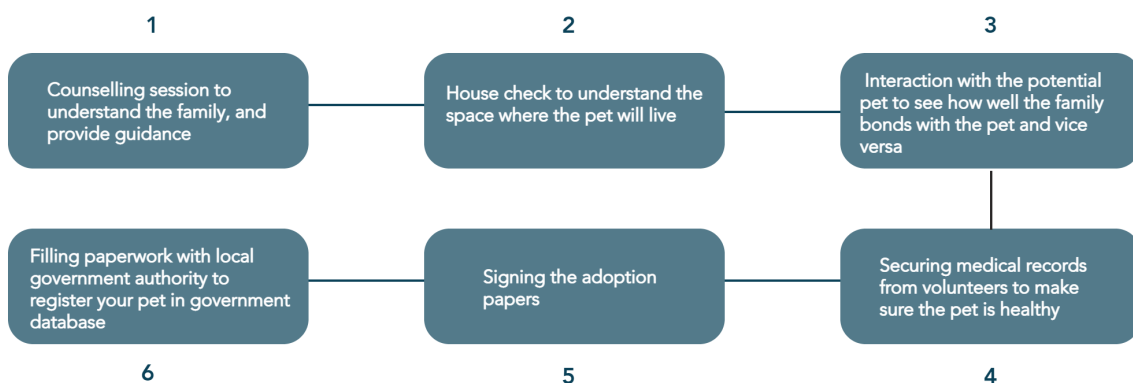
privately run shelters usually depend almost entirely on donations and volunteers.

- **Find a lost dog.** Shelters often are responsible for reuniting lost pets with their owners.

## pet adoption procedure



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## Pet adoption questions to choose your right pet

### Cat or Dog?

- Do I or anyone in my household have allergies, or have shown signs of allergies to either dogs or cats?
- Do I already have a pet in my household that would not mix well with a dog or a cat? For instance, a mouse might be easily ignored by certain types of dogs but could be problematic for a cat to coexist with!

- Do I have the time needed for the pet I am selecting? While both cats and dogs require daily time, affection, and attention, most dogs need to take potty breaks outside regularly, while cats use litter boxes and can be left alone for long periods of time.
- Do I want a pet who is more independent, or needier for attention? While dogs and cats can certainly fall on either side of that spectrum, cats tend to be more independent while dogs are needier of attention and affection

### **Big or Small?**

### **Young or Old?**

### **Personality and Chemistry?**

Talk to any “rescue parent” who has adopted a dog or cat from a shelter

### **Special Needs Pets?**

- **1. Why do you want a pet?**

I’m longing to care for a pint-sized companion.

I’m looking for a BFF to share outdoor adventures and movie nights.

I’d like to come home to some low-key company after a long day.

I’d like a pet just like me: chirpy and quirky.

I’m searching for the perfect roommate: fun, clean and a good listener.

- **2. How much time are you able to devote to your new friend?**

I have very little time available for daily care or interaction.

Plenty. I’m a homebody and I know a great pet sitter to back me up.

Sometimes my life gets busy, but I can find an extra hour our two each day.

Not a lot. My calendar is often packed full.

Tons! I have a flexible schedule and plan to hire help as needed.

- **3. What’s your home like?**

It’s perfect for me, and I’m positive I don’t want a pet roaming around.

It’s perfect for me, but I’m not so sure I want a pet roaming around...

I have plenty of space in my home, plus a backyard.

Pretty fly, with plenty of perches.

Cozy, with an abundance of sunny windowsills.

- **4. How much training are you willing to do?**

**A good amount. I'm prepared for the basics, and anything else that might benefit my pet.**

I'm not against training, but I wasn't planning on it.

As much as it takes. I plan to work with a trainer and am looking forward to learning along with my pet.

A little bit. Tricks sound especially fun!

I'd prefer a pet that doesn't require any training.

- **6. How much cleaning are you willing to do?**

Habitat maintenance is fine, but anything beyond that is a deal breaker.

The occasional spill or shedding won't bother me.

I've been called a neat freak, and I'm looking for a similar pet.

I'm OK with muddy paws and the occasional chewed up cushion.

As long as most of the mess remains in a cage, I don't mind.

**Which describes you best? (If you are both, pick the one that is stronger)**

caring, logical

rule-oriented, tolerant

sensitive, tough

impatient, easy going

**I prefer a dog that does not require a lot of petting yes/no**

**My dog is at home alone for over 6 hours while I am at work yes/no**

**I don't mind a dog that is shy or afraid of new people yes/ no**

**I prefer a quiet evening at home to a social outing with friends agree/ disagree**

empathetic yes //no

**I (would) exercise or have active play with my dog daily yes/no**

**I want a dog that would enjoy advanced training or agility**

**I prefer to be constantly doing something**

**If you had to choose between these two dogs, which would you pick?**

A dog that loves playing outdoors

A dog that will snuggle on the couch with me

**My house is messy, but cozy**

**I (will) take my dog to socialize with other dogs several days a week**

**I like a dog that licks my face and snuggles in my lap**

**I don't mind a dog that needs to be told something repeatedly**

**I don't mind having hair on me from a very affectionate dog**

**Which (if any) of the following are regular residents of your household?**

**(Check all that apply)**

Young children (< 6 years) Children 6-12 Adults Seniors 65+ People with mental or physical disabilities

**Which pets do you currently have? (Check all that apply)**

One Dog Multi Dog Cat Bird Other

**What is your age range?** < 18 18-25 26-34 35-50 51-65 65+