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Adopting a Rescue Animal

Help break the cycle and adopt a rescue animal

Background

For decades, Australia's pet industry has profited from poorly run puppy farms and corrupt breeders who raise animals in abhorrent living conditions.

Animal lovers looking for a dog, cat or other animal to add to their growing families often buy from pet shops or breeders, without realising the insidious nature of this industry, and the cruelty that many animals are subjected to in the name of profit.

In the meantime, many animals that were previously used for activities like breeding, racing or fighting are abandoned in shelters, left to die due to overcrowding in the shelters.

These animals are, in many cases, very sweet natured and just want a loving home.

Rescue animals love you so much more.

Adopting a rescue animal from Homeless Hounds rather than buying an animal from a pet shop or breeder means that you're saving the life of an at-risk dog, cat or other animal and helping to break the cycle that currently sees so many animals euthanised on a regular basis.

Only animals that suit your living arrangements will be offered to you, taking into account situations that include:

1. having small children
2. having a small or no backyard
3. having other animals at home



Photo: Homeless Hounds adopter Michelle, with her two rescue dogs Jake and Spotty

We will ensure that your rescue animal is:

- Provided with paid-for vet care including vaccinations, desexing, parasite control and microchipping at a Homeless Hound-approved vet
- Provided with behaviour modification plans and management ideas to ensure your rescue experience is a pleasant one.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is the adoption fee for?

A: Vet bills (vaccinations, desexing, parasite control and microchipping), pound fees and transport to and within our network are included in the adoption price. We rarely cover our costs and for this reason we can not reduce adoption fees.

Q: What if the rescue animal I adopt is acting out or not settling in after a number of days?

A: Homeless Hounds will help you address the issues, put in place management strategies and if that fails we will find another home for the rescue animal.

Q: Where do Homeless Hounds rescue animals come from?

A: Homeless Hounds takes animals from pounds and shelters, puppy and kitten farms, crisis situations (domestic violence, natural emergencies, homelessness, etc.) and other scenarios in which the animal is in danger. We prioritise animals who will die without our help.

Q: What sort of support will I have?

A: We have an experienced team who can help with whatever you may need before, during and after the adoption process.

Q: Will this animal be friendly with other animals?

A: Our adoption ads will include information about any issues with a rescue animal.

Q: How can I pay the adoption fee?

A: Payment can be made via direct deposit to our account or by arrangement via credit card to one of our vets.

Q: Can I adopt an animal that is located in another state or territory?

A: Typically, no, as we don't have authorised representatives in every state and territory to perform fence checks (for dogs) and be close by should the adoption not work out.

Q: What if I can't collect the animal within a week? Do you hold animals?

A: Typically, no. This is done for two reasons, the first is because there are many other animals waiting in line, and the second is to reduce the instances of people asking us to hold

Ready to Adopt?

For more information, or to see the animals that are available for adoption, head to homelesshounds.com.au/adopt or email adopt@homelesshounds.com.au

Homeless Hounds Animal Rescue is a not-for-profit, volunteer-driven animal rescue group that rescues animals from local shelters, country pounds, domestic violence, puppy and kittens farms and other dire situations. We give them the veterinary care, love, training and rehabilitation they need and place them into permanent homes with people who will cherish them.

