



Reasons for Adopting an Older Dog

1. Older dogs are **good at giving love**. Many older dogs were once owned and loved by someone. For whatever reason, they were given up or lost and they need a new home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given. Adopters of senior dogs report the dogs are devoted and grateful.
2. Older dogs usually **come trained** and understand basic commands. Most older dogs are housebroken and have mastered the basic commands such as "sit," "stay," "come," and "down." Adopting an already trained dog will save you a lot of time and energy that you'd normally have to dedicate toward training a young dog.
3. Unlike a puppy which requires leash training, etc. an older dog is ready to be **an instant companion**. She is ready to accompany you on a long walk and already knows how to play fetch. An adult dog will make a great workout partner, a loyal companion, and a late night snuggle buddy.
4. Dogs can be trained at any age and **you can teach an old dog new tricks**. Older dogs have a greater attention span than a puppy, which makes them easier to train.
5. Older dogs are **calmer and less energetic** than younger dogs. Older dogs do require exercise, but they're not going to need, or want, to run a marathon every day.
6. Older dogs have all their adult teeth and are out of the energetic puppy phase, which will result in **less destruction and fewer messes** in your household. Your floors, shoes and furniture will thank you for adopting a senior pooch!
7. Some people are unwilling to commit to the 8 to 20 year responsibility a dog can bring. An elderly person or those with uncertain long-term future plans may delight in a **shorter term commitment**.
8. An adult dog has an established demeanor and temperament, as well as size and shape. **What you see is what you get**. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.
9. Older dogs **leave you time for yourself**, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies do. Grownup dogs don't require the constant monitoring that puppies do.