

Why adopt a senior??

"I want a puppy!" This seems to be the resounding phrase heard in American families. Why??

Here at AAC, we have given a lot of thought to that phrase and, after doing some research, we've come up with reasons to make a Senior you're next "furry companion" choice.

- **Seniors deserve a home too!**

Our nation's shelters and rescue's always give shelter to older dogs and usually those animals wait much longer to find a good home or are the first to be killed in area shelters. The puppies and younger dogs are usually picked way ahead of the seniors. What a shame! You can help us change that fact.

- **A lot of love to give!**

Senior dogs have a tremendous amount of love to give. When you rescue a senior, you rescue a dear, loving friend for life.

- **Spend less training time and more enjoying time!**

Most older dogs are already housebroken and do not require the time and dedication needed as it is to teach a puppy bathroom etiquette. Let's not talk about the time spent cleaning up those little "ooops," "sorry mommy/daddy accidents."

- **You get what you see!**

Older dogs are mature and already have formed their personality and nature. You know exactly what you are getting with a senior dog in terms of size and temperament – rather than playing the guessing game.

- **How's your schedule?**

How about a good, uninterrupted night's sleep. Puppies have a great tendency to keep you up at night with the crying, whining, etc. because they aren't "there" yet. However, seniors save their energy, feedings and playtime for daytime hours, thus, allowing us a good night's sleep. Although they need our love, attention and affection, they tend to be less demanding; therefore, giving us more time to relax and do our thing.

- **Older but Wiser!**

Mature, obedient dogs are generally more patient, more knowledgeable and less rambunctious. You can have more quiet, fun, cuddly time with a senior. And, less jumping, sliding, running, and chewing time as with a puppy.

- **Watch out for those teeth!**

With puppies, of course, you have to go through the "teething" stage. Let's not even talk about the pieces of furniture that we may have to part with along the way. However, older dogs are less likely to do that jumping, nipping thing that sometimes produces rips in our clothes; sore fingers, hands, legs – oh well, we won't go into that.

- **Home alone!**

Of course, you should never leave your dog companion home alone for longer periods than necessary. But, think about it - most senior dogs are trained to be left for longer periods than puppies. However, senior dogs are eager for your company and really enjoy the snuggles, even if they don't show it by jumping on you when you arrive home.

- **I'm Afraid to adopt because a Senior won't live so long!**

Maybe you're reluctant to adopt a senior because you fear that you will lose him shortly. However, the privilege of loving a senior can help you to make every single day count as special, as you share your love and companionship. Your relationship can grow stronger with the knowledge that you have given this fine old dog a second chance to carry out his life with a loving friend.

- **You can't teach an old dog new tricks!**

I know you've heard this one for years – however, seniors can learn new things with love and trust. They can make excellent therapy dogs because they are older, more settled and gentle.

- **And, most importantly**

Your senior dog will reward your care with unwavering devotion. Nothing in the world is like the love of a senior dog for his human companion.

Puppies are a wonderful choice, especially if you have young children.

But for those of you who:

- live alone enjoy your quiet time love your furniture like your sleep at night are yourself a senior or
- just want a gentle, quiet companion

a senior dog is a very good pick. After all, seniors deserve to live out their lives with a family too. In return, they will give you all of their love.

It takes a special place in your heart to adopt a senior and we have seniors who are eager to fill that spot in your heart.

And, by the way, this goes for cats also. We always have senior or "seasoned" cats who would love to share your home and heart.

Give our Seniors a chance. Stop in today! They are waiting for you.

(information obtained from various sources)