



Adopt a Senior Pet

Why Adopt a Senior Pet?

November is **Adopt A Senior Pet Month at Homeward Pet Adoption Center**, when we focus attention on our more mature, more experienced, often more easy-going animals. Frequently overlooked during summer's kitten and puppy season, an older dog or cat can make the perfect companion. Consider the following reasons to adopt a senior pet.

Six great reasons to adopt a senior cat:

- 1) Older cats are easier to take care of – their calmer character is perfect for a senior citizen, an empty nester, or even a busy professional who's worried about kitty getting into trouble while he or she is at work.
- 2) Senior cats' personalities are well-established, so you know what temperament you're getting.
- 3) Older cats are often more tolerant, and better with small children.
- 4) Adopting a senior cat makes a statement about compassion and the value of life at all ages.
- 5) Homeward Pet senior cats are 8 years of age and up, so they've still got plenty of life ahead of them, and may well live another decade or more!
- 6) Most importantly, every cat regardless of age deserves a good home.

Seven great reasons to adopt a senior dog:

- 1) Older dogs are often calmer and have usually had some training, both in obedience and housetraining.
- 2) Senior dogs have been socialized and have already learned what it takes to be part of your 'pack'.
- 3) With a senior, what you see is what you get - you don't have to guess how big they're going to get or what their personality will be.
- 4) Senior dogs are less demanding of your time, content to just hang out while you read a book or get a good night's sleep (try doing that with a puppy!). But these instant companions are also ready to go when you are - hiking, car rides, fetch and more.
- 5) Adopting a senior dog makes a statement about compassion and the value of life at all ages.
- 6) Homeward Pet senior dogs are 8 years of age and up, so they've still got plenty of life ahead of them!
- 7) Most importantly, every dog regardless of age deserves a good home.