

# TOP TEN REASONS TO ADOPT AN OLDER DOG!!

**1.** Older dogs are **housetrained**.

You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping up after accidents.

**2.** Older dogs are not teething puppies, and **won't chew** your shoes and furniture while growing up.

**3.** Older dogs **can focus well** because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.

**4.** Older dogs **have learned what "no" means**. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.

**5.** Older dogs **settle in easily**, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.

**6.** Older dogs are **good at giving love**, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.

**7. What You See Is What You Get:**

Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.



**8.** Older dogs are **instant companions** -- ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.

**9.** Older dogs **leave you time for yourself**, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.

**10.** Older dogs **let you get a good night's sleep** because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

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