

# Adopting from an Animal Shelter



Animal shelters are your best source when looking for a pet. Not only do they have a great selection of adult animals for adoption, they also have kittens, puppies, and purebred animals. On average, purebreds account for about 25 to 30 percent of a shelter's dog population.

Many pets at the Andalusia Animal Shelter are waiting for new homes because they were obtained by someone with unrealistic expectations of the time, effort, and money required to sustain a lifelong relationship with their pet. National figures indicate that about half the animals in shelters must be euthanized for lack of homes. Animals at your local shelter are eager to find new homes and are just waiting for someone like you.

Don't be discouraged if, when you first visit the shelter, there are no animals of the breed or type you want. Shelters receive new animals every day. Andalusia Animal Shelter may also have a waiting list and can call you when an animal matching your preference becomes available.

Another advantage is that shelter adoption fees are much less than an animal's purchase price at a pet store or breeder. Currently the Andalusia Animal Shelter's adoption rates are \$20 for both dogs and cats. Also Alabama state law requires that all animals adopted at a shelter must be either spayed or neutered. The Andalusia Area Humane Society has a low income spay and neuter program for those who qualify for assistance with spaying or neutering. Applications may be picked up at Jones Veterinary Hospital or Andalusia Animal Clinic.

To contact your local animal shelter call 334-222-8705 to find your life long pet today. Currently there are 5 adult dogs, 5 puppies, and 2 kittens awaiting adoption at the Andalusia Animal Shelter.

Andalusia Area Humane Society

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