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Adopt a Senior Pet Month!

November is “Adopt a Senior Pet Month”! There are many reasons why you should consider adopting a senior pet as your newest family member. Below are some great qualities often found in senior pets!

An Old Friend

There are many advantages to adopting an older pet vs. a younger puppy or kitten. First off, most older pets don't require the training that younger pets do. Puppies and kittens are explorers, often chewing on things they shouldn't or running off to find new adventures, indoors and outdoors! However, older pets have already been accustomed to many of the things that younger pets see as “new,” and tend to be much more calm about being placed in new environments. Their calm nature often makes them great family pets, as well!

Another advantage is that most older dogs and cats are fully housetrained or litterbox trained. This makes your job easier by saving you time scrubbing the carpeting, or teaching your pet commands to convey to you how and when to be let outside.

Finally, when an older pet is adopted, a lot of that pet's quirks are often already known. For example, there is a good chance that the shelter or previous owner already knows whether a particular dog is good around children, or whether they need to be in a single-pet household. On the other hand, there isn't as much information available when adopting younger pets, as they often haven't been around long enough to determine whether they like other cats or not, or if they are prone to eating things that they shouldn't.

Senior pets tend to stay in shelters for significantly longer periods of time than younger pets. So next time you decide to adopt a pet, consider a senior pet!

TOP 5 REASONS TO ADOPT A SENIOR PET

- 1 You're giving a well deserving senior a comfortable, loving home to live out the rest of their years.
- 2 Their personalities are already well developed and predictable.
- 3 Senior pets are easier to train and require less supervision.
- 4 Seniors come without teething issues, are most likely already house-trained, and have grown out of their destructive habits.
- 5 Older pets are already more accustomed to our predictable night and daytime patterns.



Best regards,
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