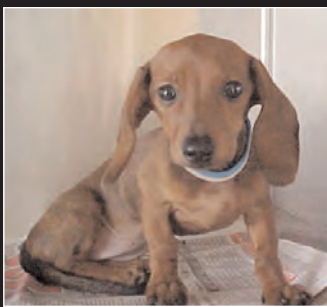


When You Buy, They Die

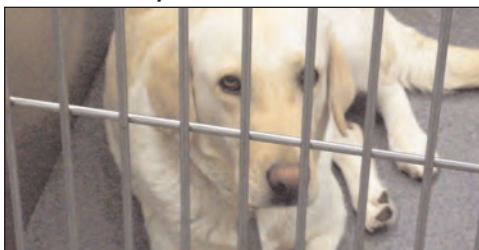


It's As Simple As That

Millions of adoptable animals are destroyed in city shelters every year.

On any given day, there are tens of thousands of animals in DFW-area shelters, desperately waiting for a second chance at a happy life. The reality is that a large number of these animals never get that second chance. There are simply far more animals than there are loving, responsible homes.

We polled several local animal shelters to get an idea of what they are faced with each month.



The numbers are sobering. Of the 11 shelters we polled, just for the month of June, 2009, **11,625** animals entered these shelters. Even more sad, a staggering **7,969 ran out of time and had to be destroyed**. That's an average of 69%.

Shelter space is very limited and each animal's stay is typically very brief. Animal control employees have the heartbreaking task of ending the lives of the "unwanted", "forgotten" and "discarded".

When you adopt from a city shelter, or from a rescue organization that helps city shelters, you help an animal know that their life does matter and that someone does care. There is nothing like walking out of a shelter, knowing you just saved a life.

Recent studies show that at least 30% of animals in city shelters are purebred.

If you're looking for a certain breed or have your heart set on a puppy, kitten or young adult animal, chances are likely you will find what you're looking for in a city animal shelter. Not only dogs and cats, but rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds and more are waiting to be adopted.

Additionally, private organizations like the ones listed below, work closely with shelters to rescue as many animals as possible. Some groups rescue all breeds, while others devote their efforts to specific breeds, or specific animals. In fact, you can find a rescue organization for just about any breed or type of pet you're looking for. Contact any of the groups listed below for more information about adoption.

When you buy a pet, like merchandise, you become a part of the problem of animal overpopulation and you extinguish yet another shelter animal's hope. We encourage you to become a part of the solution. Adopt your next pet and help save an innocent life. Visit these great online resources to help expedite your search: www.petfinder.com
www.Adopt-A-Pet.com



Animals can reproduce by 6 mos. of age. "Just 1 Litter" is 1 litter too many.

Adopting our pets, rather than buying them, is a monumentally big step in curbing the tragedy of animal overpopulation. An equally important step is not adding to the staggering numbers by allowing pets to reproduce. Spaying/neutering animals before they turn 6 months of age is crucial.



A common misconception is that a female animal should go through a heat cycle or should have 1 litter prior to being spayed. **THIS IS A MYTH** and a long-outdated school of thought. Altered animals also live much healthier lives and experience fewer behavioral issues than their intact counterparts.

Cats, dogs and rabbits (and their offspring) can reproduce at an exponential rate, in a surprisingly short period of time. If you think that "just 1 litter" won't hurt, think again. Allowing pets to breed when there are already countless animals waiting to be adopted, is irresponsible and unconscionable. By spaying/neutering and adopting, instead of buying, you can help create hope for animals in need.

Almost Home Dogz Rescue
214.926.1521; almosthome@gmail.com

American Boston Terrier Rescue
972.407.4440; www.bostonterrierrescue.net

Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)
www.animalrescueklub.org; 972.562.HELP

Animal Rescue of Texas
www.animalrescueoftexas.org; 214.276.7802

Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)
214.520.7000; www.campwolfgang.petfinder.com

Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.
www.chihuahua-rescue.org

Coppell Humane Society
www.coppellhumanesociety.com; 972.462.1121

Dachshund Lovers of Texas
www.dachshundloversoftexas.org; 214.577.7536

DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue
www.dfwcockerrescue.8m.com; 972.994.1133

DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue Club
972.881.5544; www.dfwlabrescue.org

DFW Sheltie Rescue
www.sheltie.org; 972.994.7848

DFW Tzus and More Rescue
www.dfwtzusandmore.org; 888.290.3335

East Lake Pet Orphanage
214.349.ELPO (3576); www.elpo.org

Frisco Humane Society
www.friscohumanesociety.com; 972.498.8980

Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
www.hartoftexas.org; 214.332.9535

Humane Society of Flower Mound
www.fmhso.org; 972.691.7387

Labrador Retriever Rescue of North Texas
www.labrescueofnorthtexas.org; 972.480.LABS (5227)

Protective Animal League (PAL)
www.onepetatatime.org; 972.881.1981

Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)
www.starspets.com; 972.459.9181

Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)
www.SPINrescue.org; 972.681.8585

Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.
www.scottiekingdom.com

Sadie Foundation
www.sadie.petfinder.com; k9kids1@verizon.net

Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue
www.tassieshope.org; 214.550.2648

Texas Tailwaggers Village Rescue
txtailwaggers@aol.com; txtailwaggers.petfinder.org

Texas Animal Shelter Coalition
817.392.3737; www.sheltercoalition.com

Rescue Friends Coalition
www.rescuefriends.org; rescuefriends@verizon.net