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### Whether to Adopt or Buy a Dog

There are pros and cons involved with getting a dog from a breeder or friend who has some puppies, versus a rescue. Adopting a dog from the shelter can be very rewarding, but it takes time to find the right dog. There are many truly awesome dogs in shelters just waiting for the right family to adopt them, and you might really be surprised to see what dogs are available. And you never know what you may find, until you get out there and do a little leg work. - If that's the route you take, go to the public shelters first. Those dogs have a deadline (literally). - I have owned and worked with many purebred dogs, I have also worked with a large number of mixed breed dogs, and there's a special place in my heart for the so called "mutt". Often, mixed breeds are the

absolute picture of health, I believe this is attributable to natural selection and "hybrid vigor". And many, many mixed breed dogs have served mankind over the years in numerous capacities from combat, to search and rescue, to police work. - Some adopted dogs may possess x amount of "distress" from their last situation, but almost always, this can be worked through with patience and leadership. And a pro can always help you with this. - Ultimately, any dog will turn out just fine if you put in the time. And how your dog turns out, always has more to do with your effort than anything else.

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