

SENIOR ADOPTIONS CAN BE WONDERFUL!

Adoption of a senior pet can mutually benefit both the animal and the person. The older animals need love as much, or more, than the younger ones and often have as much, or more, love to give in return.

A young puppy or kitty can be extremely energetic and lively. They need to be housebroken and litter box trained. The new owners have to survive the chewing period that puppies go through. Obedience classes are a must for young dogs to grow up to be polite members of society. Young animals, like young humans, don't necessarily care to sleep in on a weekend morning. Juvenile dogs need a load of exercise to burn off that puppy enthusiasm. It is this very zest for living that can cause people to turn their puppy or kitty over to a shelter. The young animal can be more than the person had bargained on.

The opposite may also happen. Some people only want a "cute little puppy" or an "adorable little kitty". As the young animal gets older, the owners get "bored" with it and may turn it over to a shelter.

There are actually many benefits to adopting an older pet. Most are already housebroken or litter box trained. Dogs are through their chewing stage. Most will sleep through the night. There is a chance a dog may have already been through some obedience training. If you are someone that likes to walk as opposed to run, an older pet may be just the ticket, and stroking that older cat on your lap may help lower your blood pressure.

Senior animals still have a lot of life to live and a lot of love to give. They deserve a place to call home in their latter years. The Grand County Animal Shelter has a senior adoption program. This program allows for lower to no fee adoptions and applies to both senior people adopting animals and to people of any age adopting a senior animal. If you are interested in a senior adoption of either kind, please call the Grand County Animal Shelter for more information.

Give an older pet a second chance. You won't regret it!