




## **Before adopting a dog, ask yourself the following:**

 1) Why do I want a dog? If your answer is to get one because your kids really want one and you are hoping they will assume the bulk of the responsibility, please think again. Children may love to play with the dog but after the novelty wears off it becomes your responsibility. Having a dog means a lot more than putting food out and taking them for a walk. Consider fostering a dog first and see how that goes. We would be happy to offer this opportunity to you.

 2) Where will the dog spend most of its time? Could leaving the dog in this location result in destruction to your house or yard? Dogs want to be with people, it is that simple. When dogs are left alone, they get into trouble from sheer loneliness and frustration.

 3) How much time do you realistically have to train and spend time with a dog? Be honest - if you work full- time or have a couple of young children, you may not have the time and energy to really dedicate yourself to a dog. Having a dog is like having another child; they need to be trained; they need exercise; attention and lots of love. Can you do all that and do it well?

Thank you!

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