

Welcome

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and is staying well!

This month January 24 is Change a Pet's Life Day. This is a special day for encouraging people to adopt instead of shop! We will be covering a few different ideas to commemorate this day. If you have any questions or have a topic you would like to hear about please contact our staff at 630-365-9599 or you can contact us via email at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net

Adopt or foster

Adopting a shelter pet is a big way to make an impact on a dog or cat's life. Even you're not sure about committing to a lifetime of love just yet, you can try fostering for a while.

Fostering also helps other pets by opening up space for other homeless pets so they can also have a chance of finding a forever home.

Some shelters also have reduced adoption rates on this day, so if you are seriously thinking of adopting save the date of January 24th!



Sponsor a dog or cat

If you are unable to take home a pet of your own right now, many shelters

and rescue groups allow you to sponsor a specific pet of your choice. Some shelters will give you updates or pictures to let you know how your sponsored pet is doing.

Volunteer

Shelters are always looking for people to help walk dogs, socialize cats, and just give them love and attention while they are waiting to be adopted. Volunteering will help shelters provide care for all pets they are looking after, and it helps the pets to be socialized, which helps them to become more adoptable.

ADOPT TODAY!
MY FAVORITE BREED IS
'RESCUE'



Donate

Shelters cost a lot of money to operate, and most are nonprofit. They rely solely on donations from animal lovers so they can provide care for as many as possible.

By making a donation, you are making sure the pet receives food, medical care, vaccinations, microchips, and everything they need to stay healthy and well cared for.

You can also write off most donations to shelters and rescues on your taxes.

Spread the word about adoptable pets

Thanks to social media, getting the word out about adoptable pets has never been easier. By sharing pets' photos on your Facebook wall, you're helping these pets get seen and shared by others. This is a

very easy way to make a huge difference in a pet's life that is looking to be adopted.



Tell your pets story

If you have adopted a pet, share your journey through adoption. This is a way to encourage others to adopt. Share where you met your dog, what were the challenges you faced, let them know how your pet has changed your life for the better.

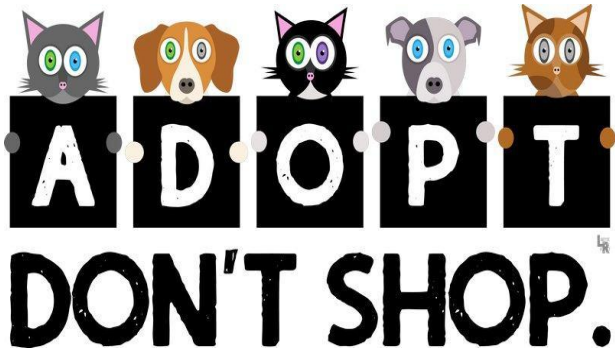
Showing the positive impact your pet has had on your life is a great way to show others that a dog or cat might be right for them. You will be helping encourage adoption and it presents an opportunity to talk about your pet which is something we animal lovers like to do!

Make positive changes for your pet

You may have already adopted a pet of your own, and that's a great first step, but there are always more ways you can improve your own bond with your pet. Try learning some new tricks or getting into an exercise routine. Try making your pet some homemade food or treats. Changing a pet's life for the better will change your own life for the better as well.

Please keep in mind if you are looking for an exotic pet, such as a bird, rabbit, reptile, guinea pig, ferret, etc., there are many of these for adoption as well. You can look for the specific animal rescue you are looking for on the internet by going to petfinder.com; this website gives you the choice of what species you are looking for, age, gender, etc. Once you put in your information, where you live etc., the website will let you know if any shelters in your area have any of these types of pets for adoption. Also, if you are looking for an exotic pet and you have no experience with having had them before, make sure to do your research first, as each species has different levels of care they need. Exotics have to be fed very specific types and amounts of different foods every day to maintain a healthy diet. They also require specific housing, temperature of housing, light, etc.





If you have any questions or comments, please email us at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net or call 630-365-9599! If you have a subject you would like covered in our newsletter please let us know!