Opt to Adopt!

How much is that doggy in the window, in the classifieds or online?
The price may actually be much higher than what is advertised! Use our chart
to learn the disadvantages of buying a pet from these sources that support puppy mills
and the advantages of adopting from your local shelter or rescue group.

	Adoption	Puppy Mills
Price	• Typically $100 to $200 • Often includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip identification and/or discounts on future training	• Hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars • Does not include spay/neuter surgery, basic vaccinations, microchip identification and/or discounts on future training
Health	• Animals must meet basic health standards before they are available for adoption • Those who get sick usually only have conditions that can be easily treated at minimal cost, such as kennel cough or a respiratory infection	• Receive little, if any, medical care • Malnourished • Often become ill shortly after being sold • May have costly hereditary or congenital issues that affect him for life
Behavior	• Many were once family pets and already know how to behave in a home setting • Many already know commands like "sit" and/or walk nicely on leash!	• Receive little-to-no socialization • Often fearful and antisocial • Unprepared for life with humans and the transition into a new home
Community Impact	• Supports community by making room for another animal at the shelter and reducing the number of homeless animals	• Can overburden a community's resources if law enforcement officials seize the animals
Shopping Experience	• Interact with animals before making a decision • Screening process fosters good pet-to-family matches • May offer a "trial period" so if your new dog turns out to be the wrong match for your family they will find another home.	• Limited or no interaction before purchase • Enable and encourage impulse purchases • Limited, if any, options if your puppy turns out to be the wrong fit for your family

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Learn more about puppy mills and the benefits of adopting a pet at: redrover.org/puppymills