

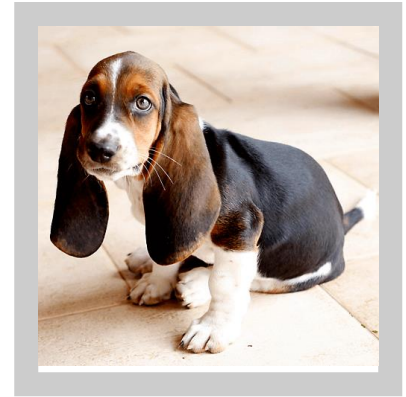
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Adult or Puppy?

Many people who would like to have a dog as a pet get a puppy. There are many reasons why people get puppies. After all, puppies are cute, friendly, and playful. But even though puppies make good pets, there are good reasons why you should consider getting an adult dog instead.

When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave. You have to make sure that the puppy is housebroken so that it does not go to the bathroom inside the house. You have to teach the puppy not to jump up on your guests or chew on your shoes. You have to train the puppy to walk on a leash. This is a lot of work.



On the other hand, when you get an adult dog, there is a good chance that it will already know how to do all of the previously mentioned things. Many adult dogs have already been housebroken. Many adult dogs will not jump on or chew things that you do not want them to jump on or chew. Many adult dogs will be able to walk on a leash without pulling you to the other side of the street.

Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all of the time. This can be fun, but you might not want to play as much as your puppy does. Puppies will not always sleep through the night or let you relax as you watch television.

On the other hand, most adult dogs will wait on you to play. What is more, they will sleep when you are sleeping and are happy to watch television on the couch right beside you.

There is one last reason why you should get an adult dog instead of a puppy. When most people go to the pound to get a dog, they get a puppy. This means that many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes. So if you are looking to have a dog as a pet, you should think about getting an adult dog. They are good pets who need good homes.

1) Which of the following statements best describes the author's opinion of puppies?

- A. They are undesirable pets because they take too much work to own.
- B. They are cute and friendly but take a lot of work to own.
- C. They are not as cute as adult dogs but are still nice to own.
- D. They are not as playful as adult dogs but are still nice to own.

- 2) In paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as something you have to teach a puppy?
- A. how to act around guests
 - B. where to go to the bathroom
 - C. how to walk on a leash
 - D. how to perform tricks
- 3) Based on information in the passage, which of the following statements is FALSE?
- A. Puppies have a lot of energy.
 - B. Puppies need a lot of attention.
 - C. Adult dogs do not like to play.
 - D. Adult dogs do not eat very much.
- 4) The author begins paragraphs 3 and 5 with the phrase, "On the other hand." This phrase is used to
- A. highlight an example
 - B. contrast previous information
 - C. contradict a later statement
 - D. support the upcoming paragraph
- 5) In the final paragraph, the author says, "...many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes." Based on what you have read in the passage, why is this most likely the case?
- A. People see adult dogs as unhappy and dangerous, while they see puppies as cute and friendly.
 - B. People understand that most adult dogs still need to a lot of training before they understand how to behave properly.
 - C. People think that puppies are cute and playful and do not always think about how much work it will take to train them.
 - D. People do not want to get a dog that does not have much time left to live.

