

There are many places to get a dog. There are also many reasons to get them from each place. There are benefits and problems with some of the choices as well.

A Friend Or Family Member

Pros: You are already familiar with this dog.

You know if the dog is healthy

You know if he is house broken

If he likes kids etc....

Cons: none

A Stray Dog

Pros: You are saving a dog's life

Cons: You know nothing about this dog

Housebroken?

Friendly?

Healthy?

Local Pound

Pros: You are saving a dog's life, My pound puppies have always been the best dogs I've owned, They seem to know that they were saved.

Cons: Usually will know little or nothing about the dog

Housebroken?

Good with kids?

Friendly?

Healthy?

Shelter

Pros: You are saving a dog's life For one fee your dog will usually be vaccinated and neutered

Cons: Usually will know little or nothing about the dog

Housebroken?

Good with kids?

Friendly?

Healthy?

Breeder

Pros: A good breeder will take the time to tell you all about the breed. A good breeder wants her dog to go to a good home with a knowledgeable owner. Dogs usually come with a health guarantee. A good breeder will be there for you in the future to help in any way they can. By purchasing a purebred you are almost sure of how your dog will look and behave because of his breeding.

Cons: It will be more expensive

Pet Store

Pros: I don't know if there are any

Cons: Expensive Not going to get the knowledge you would by purchasing from a good breeder a good breeder wouldn't let her babies go to a pet store

Often puppies are bought from subquality puppy mills

Puppy Mills

Pros: None that I can think of

Cons: Supporting this horrible industry

Getting a puppy raised in a filthy stressful and substandard conditions where the adult dogs are kept in cages solely for the purpose of breeding.

