IF YOU WANT TO BE A RESPONSIBLE CAREGIVER, WHO CAN GUARANTEE THE NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IT DESERVES,

make sure....

1. **You know the implications it will have in your life**
2. **You are aware of the responsibility it entails**
3. **You have time and space**
4. **You have informed yourself about the characteristics, character and vitality of the animal**
5. **The enthusiasm for sharing your life with an animal is not fleeting.**

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Responsible ownership is a commitment for the animal's entire life

Think about it!

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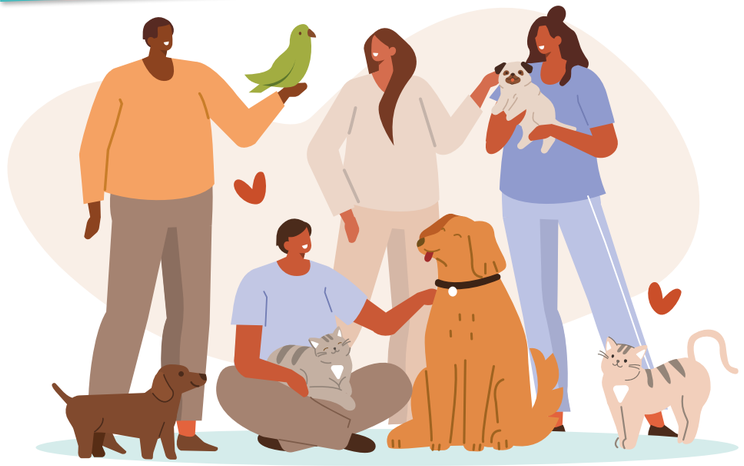
Adopting a companion animal?

CHECK OUT THESE POINTS FOR RESPONSIBLE ADOPTION



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WHERE TO START THE SEARCH



- In the majority of municipalities in our country there are **protection entities and public centres**, where you can go if you are interested in adopting a companion animal.

They take care of animals in their own facilities or in foster homes, and they do the work of controlling cat colonies in the locality. They also ensure that the animals they care for are sterilised to prevent the uncontrolled proliferation of unwanted litters.



- When you adopt an animal, you are doing your bit to combat the consequences of abandonment in society and you are giving another living being the opportunity of living a **better life** as a companion animal.

ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

- Many of the returns of adoptions are usually caused by **incompatibilities** between the animal and the new owners. In the case of shelters, they will carry out all the relevant checks to avoid such incompatibilities. As the owner you should be aware of the requirements as you go through this process.
- These **checks** can take several months, which is a reasonable time for prospective owners to be sure of the adoption decision.



- You should know that any protective entity reserves the **right to decide** not to hand over or withdraw the care of the companion animal if it considers it necessary.

AN ADULT OR A PUPPY OR KITTEN?

- A **puppy** or kitten should be given special dedication. It requires a lot of patience, time for socialisation, stimulation and education, to ensure the best coexistence with the family and with other individuals of different species. If you opt for a puppy or kitten, make sure you have enough time and energy.



- The character of an **adult** animal is usually more established and it will be easier to check its compatibility with its future caregiver. Bear in mind it will also need patience and, above all, shelter, security, its own space and privacy.
- **Do not hesitate to consult a reliable veterinarian** to find out the best option for your family and for the animal.