

“The Survey Said...”
Top Reasons Why Pets Are Given Up For Adoption

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Impulse buy – sounded great yesterday, didn't take the time to think about tomorrow

Too young – too irresponsible, short attention span (the human that is)

My life has changed Fluffy just ain't in it anymore

Not enough income to provide for the animals needs, I am going on to fixed incomes, moving to assisted living or nursing home

Puppy small > Adult dog big – oops didn't think that far ahead – I live in a small apartment.

“Oh” excessive shedding – my furniture, too much clean up.

Moved away – they can fend for themselves cant they? Turn 'em loose

He (the pet) is incorrigible, he pees and shits in the house, jumps up on my white clothes-
Down Boy!

Fluffy has AIDS, diabetes etc., I can't care for him anymore

I didn't know you had to bathe them, or get their hair cut, or comb them out

Family dynamics – i.e. divorces, loss of job, marriage etc. – Fluffy goes to pound

I don't have time to spend with the dog – he stays out in the yard all day. Do they need toys, companions or attention too?

I'm bored – pet is in the way. Selfish, irresponsible I'm an uncaring asshole.

Feline inappropriate elimination (BM and urine) that's a big one!

I have a new baby, too busy for Fluffy, or Fluffy growls at my kids. Or knocks them over

Are you supposed to train them? Duh! This is a big one. No manners, no obedience training equals a dead dog

Barks all the time – neighbors complain

I work all day – what can I do?

I have a new wife/girlfriend/husband/boyfriend/ my dog or cat doesn't like him/her or vice versa.

My kid is irresponsible doesn't take care of his dog. Duh ,are you supposed to train the kid too?? (there oughta be mandatory neutering for most parents too)

Got this kitten/puppy at Safeway, now it won't eat, or has diarrhea, I don't have any money.

I'm allergic, or kid is allergic to Fluffy, he's gotta go

Hurricane came, house went, pets lost, government rescue wouldn't let me take my dog/cat.

Any disaster or car wrecks etc.

Didn't neuter or spay – countless unwanted offspring

Owner died – No one to take care of Fluffy

Aggressive pet - bites, hurts others, bites the UPS gal on the butt (no training is always part of that)

My other pets don't like Fluffy, - he causes fights – he's outta here

Moving to foreign country, or across town – can't take the pets