

## Adopting a Shelter Puppy

**State-of-the-art facilities and progressive policies help make it easier to adopt a dog or puppy.**

*Margaret H. Bonham*

When filling out the adoption paperwork, the counselors will go over the shelter's adoption contract. At DFL, all pets are spayed or neutered before they're adopted, regardless of age. At Operation Kindness, the age for spaying or neutering is 16 weeks and older. Younger puppies are required to be spayed or neutered by a veterinarian once they reach 16 weeks of age. Some cities have arrangements with local veterinarians who offer a discount on spaying or neutering pets adopted from the shelter.

Adopting a puppy from a shelter takes time and a little work, but the rewards of rescuing a dog in need of a loving home will provide you both with years of unconditional happiness and companionship.