



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

by WC SBTC

Note: By joining the WC SBTC you can get hands-on advice.

Some pointers to consider before buying a puppy:

Before buying a dog, it is suggested that you give careful consideration to the following:-

1. Is there someone at home most of the time to look after it - a quick visit at lunch time is NOT enough to ensure it's safe and cared for.
2. Have you sufficient space for a dog? Remember, a dog needs adequate space to live and exercise.
3. Does your lease etc allow you to keep a dog?
4. Are you prepared to exercise a dog sufficiently?
5. Is there an open space nearby where you are allowed to exercise the dog?
6. Can you afford the Vet's fees if the dog is ill?
7. Can you afford to feed the dog quality food?
8. Have you chosen a breed of dog suitable to your surroundings? Some breeds of dogs make better pets than others. Do you know that some breeds of dogs are naturally more noisy than others?
9. Are you prepared for some damage in the house from a puppy until it has learnt to be clean and behave?
10. Have you got the time to groom a dog regularly?
11. Are you prepared to take time – and money – to train the dog to ensure it is a pleasure to live with?
12. Do you realize that dogs, like people, grow old and may need special care and medication?
13. Are you prepared to love and care for a dog for all of its life, and not just when it is a cute, cuddly puppy?

**If you can answer "YES" to all these questions –
CONGRATULATIONS! - there is a dog somewhere out there looking for you....**



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