

Acquiring a Vizsla Through Rescue

(All dogs pictured are rescues.)

For a variety of reasons, some people are not able to keep their Vizslas, and these dogs become available for rehoming. Sometimes they have had no prior training, or they have been abused and need major caring and rehabilitation, or they are available because of divorce, allergies or an owner's incapacitation. Rarely are they puppies. Potential owners are screened very carefully, and preference in rescue situations is usually, but not always, given to persons who have already raised a Vizsla and know what is involved.



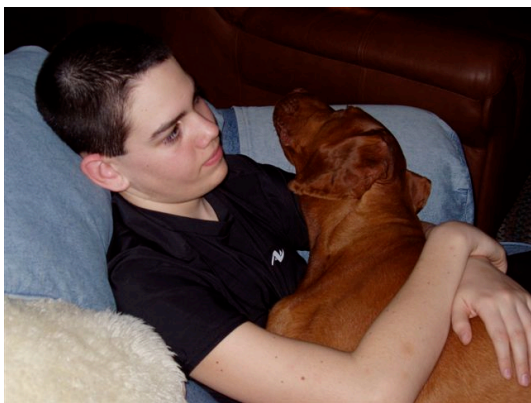
There is often a bias toward rescue dogs as if they are “used cars” with someone else’s problems.

Unfortunately, many think dogs that end up in rescue are all genetically and behaviorally inferior, but it is not uncommon for Rescue to get expensive dogs that have either outlived their usefulness or novelty with impulsive owners who considered their dog a possession rather than a friend or member of the family; or simply did not really consider the time, effort and expense needed to be a dog owner.

Many prospective owners are not convinced that owning a “pre-owned” dog is better than buying a puppy. There are good reasons why rescues are often a better alternative. They are usually housebroken, past the puppy chewing stage; sleep through the night and let you finish the newspaper. Already full adult size, they have been temperament tested with known activity levels, and unless they are special needs dogs, have manageable vet bills and training needs.

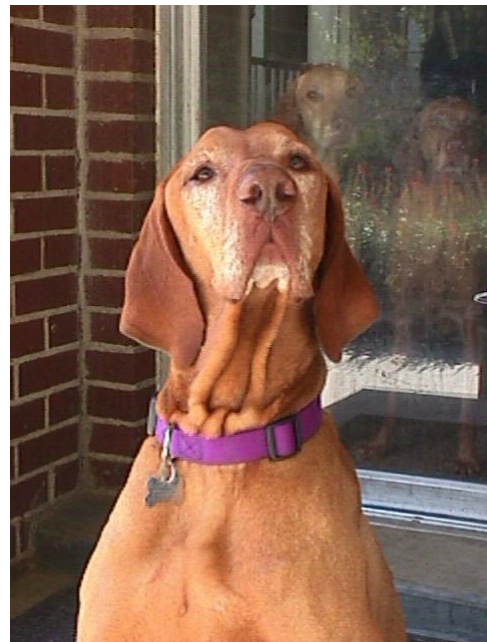


Dogs who have been uprooted from their happy homes or have not had the best start in life are more likely to bond very completely and deeply with their new people. Those who have lost their families through death, divorce or lifestyle change go through a terrible mourning process; but once attached to a new loving family, they seem to want to please as much as possible to make sure they are never homeless again.



RESCUE IS NOT AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO A CHEAPER DOG! Prospective owners are asked to pay transportation charges and to make a contribution to breed rescue to

further the work of rescue for other dogs. Rescue is expensive in both time and money. Rescue will evaluate the dog before accepting him/her (medically, behaviorally, a for breed confirmation, etc.), rehabilitate if necessary, and place the animal only when he/she is ready for a home that matches and is realistic about the commitment necessary to provide that dog with the best home possible.



Adopting a rescue Vizsla will get you a devoted friend for life!

For more information, click on “rescue” at either of the following sites:

<http://vcaweb.org/> or
<http://www.vcli.net>