

## Adopt-a-Pet Persuasive Speech

How many of you have a pet, living with you or with your parents?  
Do you know if you got it from an animal shelter? ...Okay, so about \_\_\_\_\_.  
Well, fortunately, there are shelters in place to help animals because they aren't able to take care of themselves. A dog isn't able to get a job, save up some cash and buy himself a dog house... A cat can't walk down a grocery store and pick up some Friskies. A bunny would have a hard time trying to cuddle and pet herself.... They need an owner ... *> they need their best friend*... Luckily, for those animals who have yet to find a home, shelters are there to provide them with some care. In fact, **every year**, 6-8 million cats and dogs are cared for by animal shelters... Sadly - **every year** - half of these pets get put down. That's 3-4 million animals who are being euthanized... **killed**. They are put down as a result of insufficient funding, lack of space and lack of interest.... Fortunately, these pets that are being abandoned, left behind, or even killed, do have a way out. They can be saved.

At Adopt-a-Pet, *they are all about getting homeless pets into homes*. They are a non-for-profit adoption charity, so any money they receive goes straight to the animals and to keeping the company alive to help save more animals! They give free advertising of homeless pets through shelters, humane societies, SPCAs, pet rescue groups and pet adoption agencies. They even helped the famous actress, Drew Barrymore, find her cute and precious mixed breed named Vivian.

Fortunately, *anyone* can help these homeless animals. It's more simple than you may really realize. It's actually as simple as cat, or C.A.T.: ...Care - Adopt - Tender! This stands for the three different ways in which you are able to lend a helping hand. Maybe for you it's just not a good time to buy or own a pet. Luckily, you can still help save one... The C in C.A.T. is for Care, because these animals need *love, attention, and affection* while they're living in a shelter. Through the adopt-a-pet website, you have access to **many volunteer opportunities**. It is as easy as creating a simple volunteer profile, and you will be set up with shelters and rescues in your area. You can meet other caring people and also help lonely-pets by playing with them. You can also take pet photos for adoption ads, groom the pets, as well as transport pets to the vet to help keep them healthy. ..You can even give your assistance in adoption events!

The A in C.A.T. - the Adoption option - because bringing a cute and cuddly - or COOL pet into your home is a great way to get it out of a shelter. On the adopt-a-pet website, you are able to search for you perfect pet. They allow you to search for your pet by breed, sex, colour, age, hair or size.

Perhaps you don't have the time to volunteer, or maybe you're someone who isn't interested or able to own and take care of a pet, well the T in CAT is for Tender. On their site, they have a donation link. You are able to donate in any amount you desire, even amounts as little as 15 dollars. You could also join the official club member and donate a desired amount each month.

So whether you don't have time, if you don't have the money, or if you just aren't able to fully commit, there is still a way you can help save a life today... A pet is in a cage **right now** *waiting for your love*. Please don't forget about these fluff balls who *aren't able to save themselves*. Animals are a man's best friend.