Animal Adoption
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Have you ever thought of adopting an animal? Did you know that adopting an animal is better than buying pets at stores? In my opinion, adopting is way better than buying pets from the store. Animal adoption is good because you don’t support puppy mills, people making animals breed for money, and you just saved a stray animal!

If you adopt, you are helping animals that were lost or stray from shelters. In the article, Shelter Intake and Surrender, from ASPCA they said, “35% of dogs are adopted, 31% are euthanized, and 26% are returned to their owner.” They also did another report on cats and stated, “37% are adopted, 41% are euthanized, and less than 5% are returned to their owner.” Some stores buy their puppies or kittens from puppy and kitten mills. Puppy and kitten mills are places where animal breeds are made on purpose in order to sell them. I think this is important information because there is a low percentage of animals that are being adopted. There is an estimate that over two million dogs are bred in mills. In kitten mills, about 25,000 cats are bred. These pets are taking up many lives of homeless animals that are being killed. If you do not buy an animal from the store, then you are not supporting puppy or kitten mills. If you adopt a pet, you just saved a stray dog that might have been killed.

Did you know there are more homeless animals than homeless people? According to DoSomething.org, homeless dogs outnumber homeless people 5 to 1. The number of dogs that find a permanent home are 1 out of 10 dogs. DoSomething also stated that there are twice as many stray dogs than the ones that are relinquished, given up, by their owners.

I believe that adopting instead of buying dogs and cats is better because many homeless dogs and cats suffering. I think homeless animals are more important than the ones that are bred in puppy and kitten mills. I think this because homeless animals are suffering while the pets from mills are having a nice time. The puppies and kittens that were bred on purpose are less important because they just took up a home and life of a stray animal that might get euthanized.

In my opinion, we should all stop buying animals from stores and start adopting. Try to tell your friends and family. This will help reduce the number of homeless
pets and puppy and kitten mills will no longer exist. This will end all mills and those innocent pets will have a happy life.