

Puppy/Dog Source Comparison Price Chart

Quick reference to compare puppy/dog acquisition through the following sources:

- Rescue Group
- Shelter
- Reputable Breeder (refer to our Breeder Checklist. **(PAWS does not recommend dealing with anonymous sellers online, ie: Kijiji, Facebook)**)
- Pet Store (PAWS does not recommend buying a puppy from pet stores unless they are collaborating with adoptions from shelter and/or rescue groups).

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Source:	Rescue Group	Shelter	Reputable Breeder	Pet Store	Notes
Cost	\$200-\$500	\$300-\$350	\$1500-\$5000	\$700-\$1500	
Is dog spayed or neutered?	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	* Required by contract at purchaser's expense). Additional \$400-\$800
Rabies vaccination? (required by By-Law)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	* Additional \$250-\$400
Are pure bred dogs available?	Yes	Sometimes	Yes	Sometimes	Most pure bred dogs can be adopted though breed specific rescues
Are health issues known and identified?	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	No	* Where possible
Are behaviour issues known and identified?	Yes	Yes	No*	No*	* Too early to determine behavior issues
Are dogs raised in a family environment?	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Can I return the dog for any reason?	Yes*	Depends on shelter policy	Yes*	No**	* Rescue groups and Reputable breeders insist on return of the dog. ** Note: Ottawa has 48 hour 'cooling off' period to return for full refund
Is a home visit required?	Yes*	No	No	No	* Mandatory visit prior to adoption to ensure suitable match

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