## MARYLAND SPCA

## Adopting a Pet vs. Buying One from a Pet Store

## Shop:

- Puppies come from puppy mills
- Live in bad conditions
- Unhealthy dogs
- No medical care
- Very expensive
- After purchasing a dog from a pet store, you still have to pay for vaccinations, microchips, spay/neuter surgeries


## Adopt:

- Animals come from other people, shelters, or they were lost
- Shelters provide all the necessary care the pet needs
- They get medical attention
- The cost is low
- When adopting a pet, they already have vaccinations, microchips and spay/neuter surgery

