



## The Joys of Adopting a Senior Pug

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You know how people say that wine gets better with age? The same goes for pugs. Senior pugs may very well be the best pugs in the world! Senior rescue pugs are desperately in need of loving homes. They have a harder time finding forever families as many people gravitate toward adopting a puppy. Senior pugs need a second chance with someone who is willing to give them the love and care they deserve.

There are so many awesome benefits to adopting a senior pug:

- They are almost always housebroken and well trained. They understand that “no” means no. They know when to go outside, and how to ask. If you get a puppy you could spend up to a year house training them and teaching them right from wrong; this is something that can be avoided by adopting a senior.
- Seniors are often less bouncy than frenetic younger dogs. This means they will not tear up the house while you are out, and they also require much less maintenance. Older dogs let you get a good night’s sleep because they have become accustomed to human schedules, unlike puppies who need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks. If you are looking for a lower energy dog you don’t have to walk for hours a day or worry about keeping you up all night by tearing around, then seniors are the way to go. Take your older pug on a short walk or two each day and they will adore you for it!
- With senior pugs what you see is what you get. Unlike puppies, seniors have already done their share of growing. Their appearance, shape, and personality when you first meet them are unlikely to change when you adopt them, although they will grey up more. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from how they seemed at first. Seniors tend to be very calm and cuddly dogs, and many pug owners prefer these sweet personality traits.
- They come with a medical history. It’s hard to tell what issues you might face medically with a puppy or a younger dog, but a senior pug is easier to predict.
- Older dogs also tend to settle in easily because they’ve learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack. You may worry that due to their age they won’t get as attached to you as a puppy, but this is not the case. Pugs were bred as companion dogs and are intended to be lap dogs, so they get easily attached. Seniors will become just as devoted as a puppy will.

If you are committed to helping a dog in need, then adopting a senior pug may very well be the most rewarding step you will ever take! Pug Pals does everything possible to make sure all its rescue pugs are in the best possible medical health before adoption. For seniors, this usually involves a full dental treatment. Your senior will come to you in fabulous shape and ready for lots of love!

Adopting a rescue pug saves a life. If you provide your senior with a loving home when they need you the most, then they will spend every day of the rest of their lives showing you their appreciation. Your pug will be eternally grateful that you made sure the later years of his life are happy ones.