

Chicago Pet Show

This ain't no shopping
for furry buddies
kinda event.



By Sammy the Show Dogg

Some peeps think the Chicago Pet Show is where ya go to buy pets. Sorry, ain't so. Nope. Well, let me qualify that. Some animals (which crazy people call 'pets') will probably be there ta take with ya. I'm talkin' about icky ones, like snakes an' lizzard-like animals - all the reptilian types, if they're there. Who knows who's gonna be at the Show! (I don't care if no one brings any o' them, 'cause I pretty much pre-fur dogs . . . an' cats - they're cool.) Besides, kittens an' pups are guys that need the most help. . . though, I hear there's horses an' even pair-a-keets are looking for homes.

Anyhows... The big thing is,

DON'T COME PLANNING TO TAKE HOME A PET.

It's just not the way the Rescues, Shelters an' Humane Societies do things... Ya see, they gotta check you out. I'm talking to the human types - 'potential' pet parents. The pets already been checked out ("Turn your head an' bark."), queued up ("Number 9."), and given a bath (Uuugggh!).

The peeps in the Charitable Orgs wanna be sure ya got your stuff together before they hand over one of there pets. Too many adoptive parents freak when a new fuzzy family member arrives and poops on the carpet, scratches a couch, or pees on sumthing. Understand, the new digs aren't really all that 'til a pet's made it home - made its presence known. In fact, the new pet really doesn't get it. They don't know the difference between insides places and outsides spaces. Ya gotta show 'em.

So-o-o, plan a meet an' greet with all the fuzzies you see at the Show, and put your name down as a **ADOPTIVE** or **FOSTER** parent. (I was amaz-z-zed, like ... "What? Foster Care Parents? Neat! Peeps taking care of pets 'til their Org finds 'em a permanent home. That's special.")

Oh ... oh ... OH! I almost forgot. The peeps looking to **Adopt or Foster** a pet should sign up at the **Sign-Up Board**. It's a big white thing hanging someplace in the hall - I dunno where - it'll be there - the Charity Org staff will show ya. After ya meet the pets and peeps and fill out their papers, then go over ta the Board and putcha paw print on it ("sig-nature").

As a wise pet once said, "Nothing happens until the paperwork's done."

See... the Board is all 'bout "peeps." You doos it an' they sees it. Then they doos it. The next thing ya know . . . all the pets looking for homes have one. How'd ya think Faddie Maddie got adopted? - an' Frankie 2 Pees became my new brudder? Adoption an' Foster. That's how.

So, there's the program. Come to the Show and say hello. Then, wash your hands 'cause pets will be licking ya. Sign the papers an' do the Board. Soon, you'll be a parent to a brand new cat, dog, or what-cha-ma-call-it (?). See ya there.

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