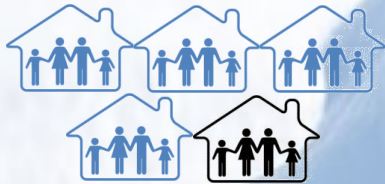
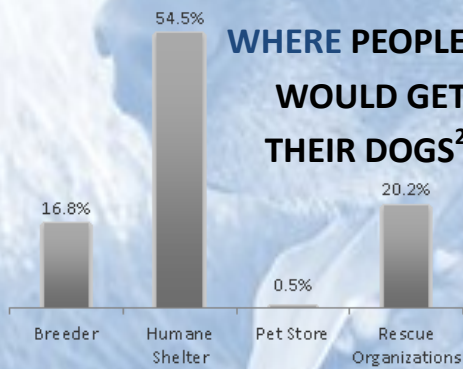


# International Dog Rescue

Adopting dogs from international sources both negatively and positively affects society, other animals, the environment and the adopters. In the last few years, international dog rescuing has become a more common way to bring dogs into homes.



**ONE in FIVE** households in Canada own a dog<sup>3</sup>



**186** Humane Societies and SPCAS that shelter animals in Canada<sup>1</sup>



**UNKNOWN** NUMBER of RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS<sup>2</sup>

This is because they are not required to be register by the government

**78%**

Of people are aware of any health risks associated with international dog rescue<sup>2</sup>



However, if they were aware of

theses risks **ONE out of TWO**

people would **NOT** adopt a rescue dog<sup>2</sup>

**7 OUT OF 10**

people thinks the government should modify existing legislation and regulation policies to be stricter on the importation of dogs<sup>2</sup>



**RECORDED # OF DOGS IMPORTED ACROSS THE BORDERS<sup>2</sup>**



According to Statistics Canada, the number of companion animals imported into Canada is not recorded. Only livestock is.

**UNKNOWN**



**WHERE dogs come FROM<sup>2</sup>**

**PERCENTAGE** of dogs taken in by shelters that are **EUTHANIZED<sup>1</sup>**



**16%**

**# OF DOGS** taken in by **SHELTERS<sup>1</sup>**

**53 085**

<sup>1</sup>All numbers based on data from 2012 CFHS Animal Shelter Statistics report [www.cfhs.ca](http://www.cfhs.ca)

<sup>2</sup>All numbers based on data obtained by a survey conducted by University of Alberta students

<sup>3</sup>Perrin, T. 2009. The business of urban animals survey: The facts and statistics on companion animals in Canada. *Can Vet J.* 50 (1) 48-52.