

Color meanings:

BLUE-everyone can have a blue dog

GREEN-could be exuberant, needs training, lots of exercise

YELLOW-shy, timid

ORANGE-senior

PURPLE-experienced dog owner only, on behavior modification program

Okay, so what's the big deal?

Here's an example of how PupPartners™ works:

1. This program has been proven effective in reducing return rates and minimizing hurdles post-adoption in regard to food-guarding behaviors, fearfulness, etc.
2. By utilizing the color coding system (for example) provided by PupPartners™, shelters are better able to prepare for shelter dog placement into a new environment according to their known behaviors and tendencies. This allows the shelter to anticipate behaviors that could arise and place a dog in a home accordingly, minimizing return rates.

A safe pup is a happy pup!

Say a family sees a dog in a shelter and they fall in love. They're willing to jump through hoops to adopt that special pup that caught their eye, but it's imperative to remember that *not every dog is a perfect match for any family.*

We want to predict how a behavior will play out before a shelter dog goes home, so we anticipate behaviors based on what we already know, i.e. shelter dog is a food guarder and there are toddlers in the home - probably a big no-no, right?

The PupPartners™ program helps to predict these circumstances and choose homes that fit accordingly.

This is an opportunity to work toward lowering return rates and **saving lives** and PupPartners™ provides shelters with the right tools to make responsible decisions.

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