

DOG ADOPTION DRIVE A SUCCESS

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Santhana Gopal a resident of Singanallur was pleased to adopt a pup, thanks to a mongrel adoption programme conducted in the city on Sunday by the Humane Animal Society (HAS). "These dogs will easily adapt to the local conditions," he says.

"They are lovable creatures," says C Radhamani from Ondipudur who also adopted a pup. Adopting country dogs seems to be catching on in the city. All the dogs put up for adoption, were able to successfully find a home.

Mini Vasudevan, the managing trustee of HAS said that people are more open today in adopting a country dog. They don't necessarily insist on owning a pedigree or exotic breed. "We have conducted many adoption programmes before and this time around we found that people were more receptive," she said.

They have been campaigning for adoption of country dogs for quite some time.

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HOME TO STAY: All the dogs put up for adoption, were able to successfully find a home during the programme

There are certain advantages in owning country dogs. "Pedigree dogs usually fall sick easily. On the other hand country dogs rarely get sick. Even if they fall sick, they recover easily. This is because they are able to adapt to the local climate," says Dr AK Abhilash, a veterinarian with HAS.

Mini says that country dogs have a combination of characteristics which make them able guard dogs. They can be easily trained too, she says. Those interested can adopt a native dog from the animal shelter run by HAS at Seeranaickenpalayam.

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