



To walk with a dog... is to share his world. What sights and sounds he encounters. What past and present smells he reads. To stretch his legs, to bask in the sun, to discover and wind his way through this brave new human world.

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## A World of Dogs: Rescue in the IT Age

The global dog overpopulation means that there are an estimated 600 million stray dogs worldwide. Aggravating the problem are rescued and abandoned dogs from puppy mills and commercial breeders for whom dogs are products to be marketed and sold. Dogs are also being abandoned by people who bought a puppy on impulse and then changed their minds, perhaps because of the work involved in raising a puppy, or because of illness, behaviour problems, etc.

Hundreds to thousands of people across the world volunteer their money, time, and homes to rescue strays and abandoned animals. Some



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## Tips & Tools: How to Pill Your Dog

If there are no chewable alternatives from your vet, mix the meds in with your dog's meal, or stick the pill inside a soft treat like cheese or sausage. If that doesn't work, the procedure is as follows (It is a good idea to have already trained your dog to respond to a "chin" cue", and to have conditioned him to you handling his mouth and jaws long before you attempt this):

1. Hold the pill with one hand. Place that hand on your dog's lower jaw, the other on his upper jaw. Lift up his head.
2. Open your dog's mouth and put the pill to the side of the tongue as far back as you can reach. Quickly remove your hand and close your dog's jaw.
3. Keep your dog's head tilted upward and his jaws closed. Encourage him to swallow by gently stroking his throat downward with the other hand. As soon as you think your dog has swallowed the pill, release him and offer him a yummy treat. (Instructions courtesy of ASPCA)



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do it by themselves, others are part of not-for-profit organisations. When a rescued or abandoned dog arrives at a shelter or foster-home, he needs to be housed, fed, and cared for - including providing for his veterinary and behavioural needs - whilst he is being matched with the right forever-home.

There's both good and bad news in the story of rescue. On the good side, information technology has revolutionised the work. Thanks to technology and the internet, rescue can be operated across great distances, while social networking tools like Facebook and Twitter are great for finding foster parents, raising funds, and spreading the word about dogs available for adoption. This allows shelters and rescue groups to reach many more potential adopters. People are able to find any type of dog they have their hearts set on, providing second chances for many more dogs than previously.

On the bad side, overpopulation continues to be a huge problem, the same IT tools are available to puppy mills and irresponsible breeders, and misinformation on the web spreads the attitude that dogs are disposable accessories. We can all help to fight those issues by supporting rescue organizations and advocating for adoption, responsible breeding, and anti-puppy mill legislation.



### Dog In the Spotlight: Siberian Husky

If you've got a Siberian Husky, you'd better have a reliable vacuum cleaner (or maybe an army of Roombas). These gorgeous dogs are heavy shedders, built as they are for Arctic climes. Their beautiful coats and stunning faces have won them many a dog lover's heart, as have their intelligence. Originally bred by the Chukchi in eastern Siberia for sled-pulling, guarding, and companionship, Huskies were introduced to North America during the Nome Alaska Gold Rush in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century for sled-dog racing.

Huskies have starred in many movies and TV series over the years, most recently *Game of Thrones*. The show has been connected to a large increase in interest in the breed, which unfortunately has also resulted in an

increase in Huskies finding themselves at public shelters.



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