Introduction
Merriam-Webster defines a newcomer as a person who has recently arrived somewhere or who has recently started a new activity. When a newcomer receives a pet, they are now more likely to be social. When walking a dog, people are drawn to you and your pet. It makes being a newcomer a little easier.

Methods & Materials
• Animal Haven is a nonprofit organization.
• It finds homes for abandoned cats and dogs throughout the Tri-State area and provides behavior intervention if needed to improve chances of adoption.
• It provides programs that enhance the bond between animals and people.
• Internet resources allow more research on Animal Haven.
• There are only pros to adoption.

Findings
• Animal Haven takes a different stand on helping an outsider.
• The companionship people develop with a good friend that they keep close to their heart is viewed as unbreakable. With animals, that’s the companionship they develop with their owners.
• People who are outsiders come out of their shell when they adopt an animal.
• This organization also provides jobs that can help an outsider who is unemployed. This gives the outsider a sense of importance.
• Over 20 success stories are listed on their website along with pictures of the owners with their pets, the pets by themselves, and before and after pictures of one of the adopted animals.

Pictures

Findings
• Adopting a shelter pet has been known to show psychological, emotional and physical improvements.
• Caring for an animal provides senses of purpose and fulfillment. This helps lessen one’s feelings of loneliness and isolation.
• 37%-47% of all households in the USA have a dog, and 30-37% have a cat.
• The biggest plus to adoption is a new best friend—a bargain price.

Conclusion
Ultimately, receiving a pet can be beneficial to the newcomer. The pet helps the newcomer be more social, relieves stress, and even acts as a friend to children. Being a newcomer is hard on its own, but having a pet makes it easier.

Adopt a shelter pet today! The love you will receive is immeasurable.

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