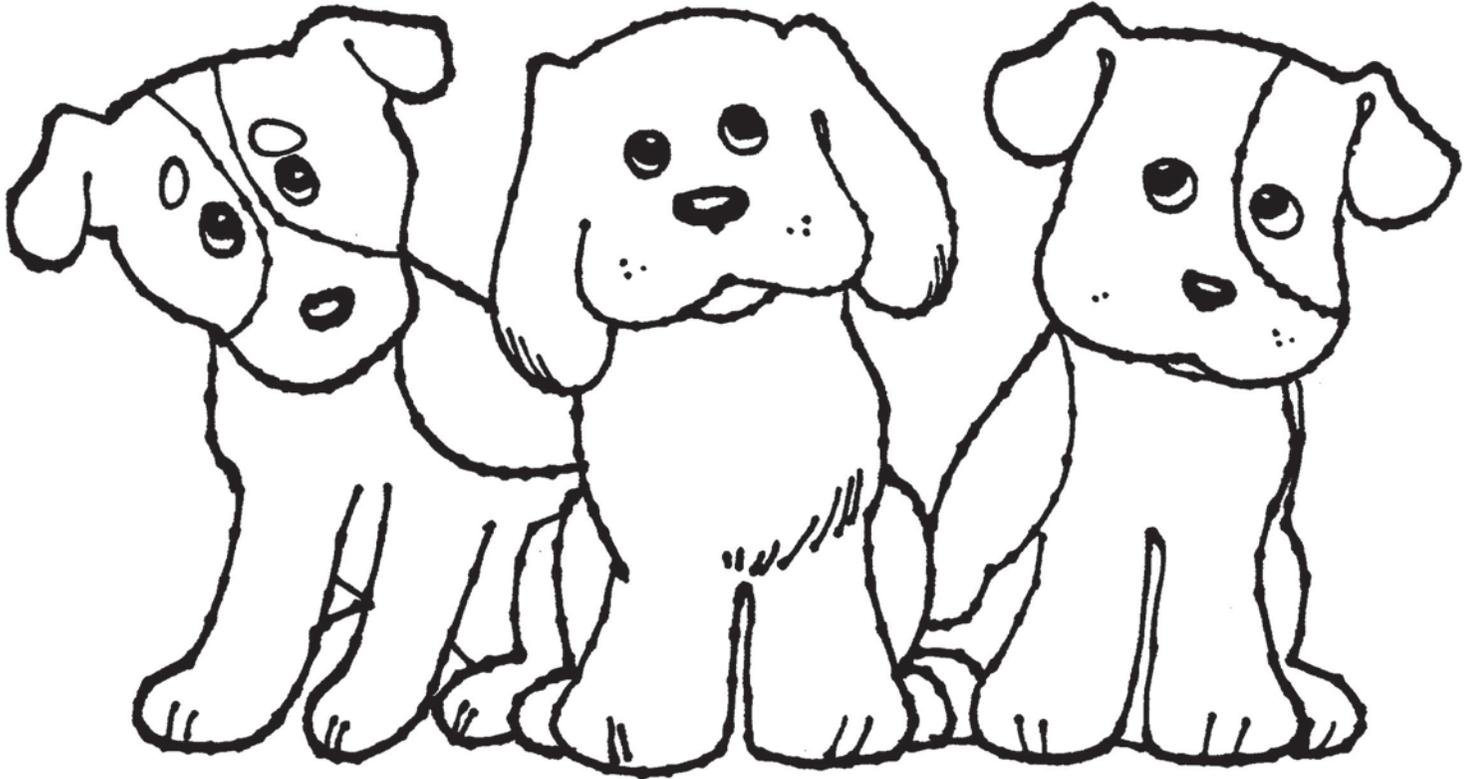


DO YOU REALLY WANT ONE?



DO YOU REALLY WANT A PUPPY? DON'T JUST LOOK AT THE CUTE FURRY FACE. YOU'RE LOOKING AT A 10-15 YEAR COMMITMENT OF TIME (HUNDREDS OF HOURS) AND MONEY (\$300 OR MORE A YEAR). YOU'RE LOOKING AT AN ANIMAL THAT WILL BE FIVE OR TEN TIMES BIGGER A YEAR FROM NOW. THOSE CUTE LITTLE TEETH WILL CHEW RUGS, BOOKS, FURNITURE, FINGERS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. MANY, MANY POOPS AND PUDDLES LIE BETWEEN NOW AND THAT GLORIOUS DAY WHEN HE WILL FINALLY BE HOUSEBROKEN. THERE ARE DOZENS OF THINGS THAT HE MUST BE TAUGHT TO DO OR NOT TO DO. DO YOU REALLY WANT HIM? THINK BEFORE YOU ADOPT.

P.S. IF YOU WANT A DOG BUT AREN'T SURE YOU'RE READY TO RAISE A PUPPY, CONSIDER ADOPTING AN OLDER DOG. ANIMAL SHELTERS HAVE LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM... ALREADY HOUSEBROKEN AND PAST THE CHEWING STAGE BUT WITH MANY HAPPY YEARS AHEAD.



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