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QR Code Link to This Post If you are truly desperate and don't have the time or ability to vet a stranger offering to take your companion, your best move is to take him or her to a shelter, as much as it may pain you to do so. At least, the animal may be given a chance to find a good home. Shelter personnel do have the time and ability to check out every prospective home, so keep that in mind. Having to surrender your companion animal to a shelter is not the best outcome, but it's a better outcome than having your companion fall into the wrong hands.

Criminals easily prey on people who just want the animals to go to a good home. They know that sometimes you are pressed for time and apparently have no choice but to turn the animal over to you in your hour of need.

They rely on that raw emotion you have over having to surrender your friend while time is running out. They try to convince you they will be good guardians, and you very much want to believe them, which works in their favor.

First and foremost, always affix an adoption fee. People looking for animals to abuse will usually not pay a fee.

You may even hear a sob story from someone who wants your animal but can't afford to pay an adoption fee. But chances are, if they can't afford to pay a \$50 adoption fee, what will they do when the animal needs to be seen by a veterinarian? How will they afford to keep up with dental cleanings, check-ups and vaccines?

Charging an adoption fee also prevents someone from taking your animals on a whim, and then, having lost interest, turning them in at the shelter or abandoning them on a dark, lonely street far from home.

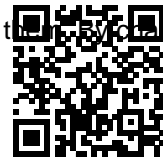
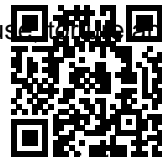
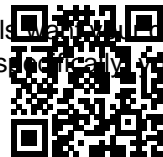
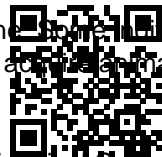
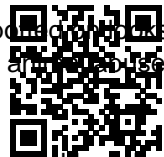
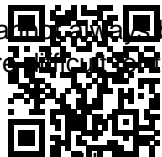
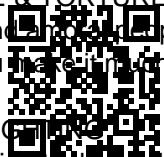
#### ABUSE & TORTURE

Black and white people can be spotted who are alone with dogs and cats who are being abused and killed. They are charging a fee for the animal, you have to pay more for the animal. These are the users to adopt animals - so, if you have your animal, you should consider it.

#### DOG FIGHTING

According to the Michigan State University Animal Legal and Historical Center, one of the methods used to train fighting dogs is to dangle a small dog, cat, rabbit or guinea pig on a rope in front of a dog who is forced to run on a treadmill or a round circle. Naturally, these small animals are terrified and the dog is given the animal to kill as a reward at the end of the session.

Where do these animals come from? Some people steal animals right off the street or from a backyard. In dog fighting, dogs are trained to be vicious and trained to attack other animals, so-called "bait" animals. In a Florida shelter, an elderly woman and her clean-cut young son came to adopt a small animal. Ostensibly, the animal was to be "a companion" for the elderly woman. The pair were home with a small white mixed breed who was immediately thrown into a ring with a fighting dog and killed. Look



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can be deceiving and people searching for dogs for this purpose will use any disguise, tell any lies and use charm to separate you from your loving companion. Again, charging an adoption fee makes it more difficult for someone to acquire animals for dogfighting.