

Getting a Pet? Avoid Scams.



There are lots of fur babies waiting for their forever home, and scammers try to take advantage. They post fake ads for pets - all designed to take your money and leave you in the doghouse.

Do Some Research

Search online for the name of the seller or business and words like, “review,” “scam,” or “complaint.” See what others are saying.

How are You Asked to Pay?

Only scammers say you must pay with gift cards, a payment app, cryptocurrency, or a wire transfer service like Western Union or Moneygram since it’s hard to get your money back.

Consider a Local Rescue or Shelter

Animals of all breeds and ages are waiting to be adopted. An online search will point you to them, where you’ll be able to adopt for a small fee.

Report Fraud

If you spot one of these scams, tell the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov