

TEACH AN OLD PHONE NEW TRICKS:

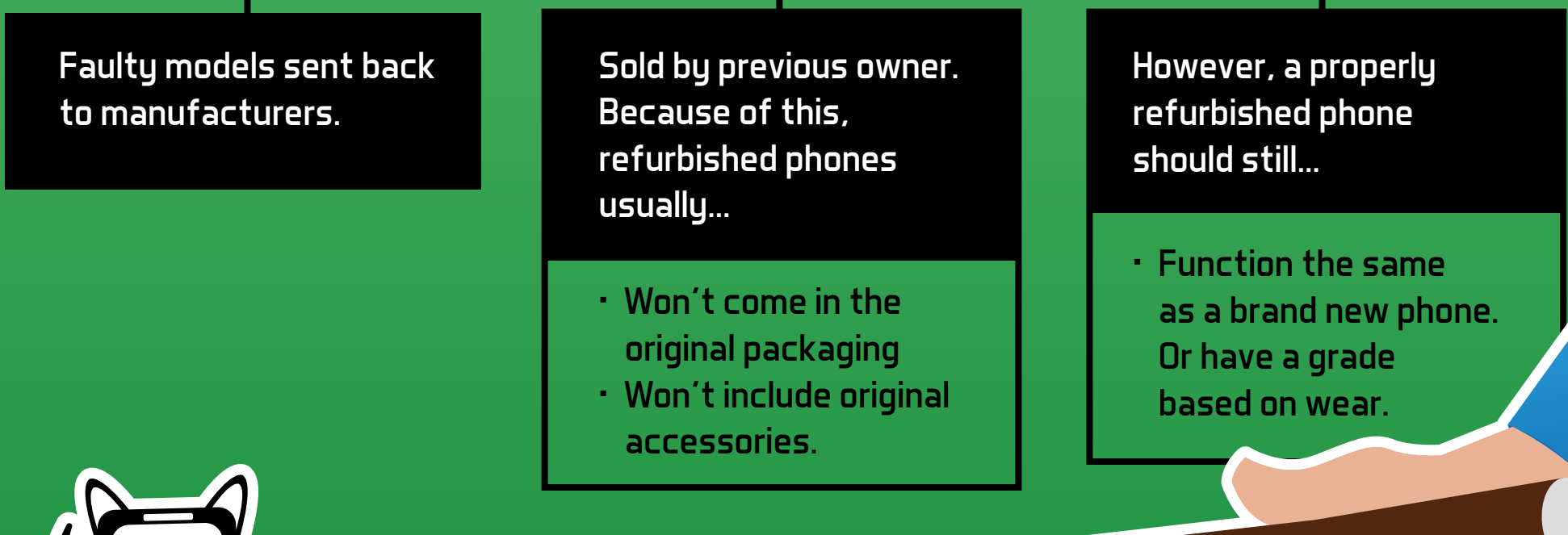
# HOW TO BUY A USED PHONE



It might not be the shiny new model, but an older, refurbished iPhone may get you the best price. Here's what you need to know:



## HOW DO USED PHONES GET ON THE MARKET?



Some used phones may have also been stolen. To make sure you're making the safest purchase possible, FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

## CHECK THEIR HOUSING



### 1. Locked Phone:

Some phones can be set to work with only a certain cell service provider!

Where can your phone do it's "business"?



1. Locked: will only work with a specific provider

2. Unlocked: will work with any provider.



How much does your phone remember it's old owner?

### 2. Factory Settings:

Used phones should be wiped of all previous information and restored to factory settings.

If you find any **personal information**, **non-factory apps**, or **customized preferences**, then the phone may not have been properly restored--it could have even been stolen!"

In the case of apps, make sure there are no hidden apps or games that could be incurring monthly charges!

### 3. Battery & Charger:

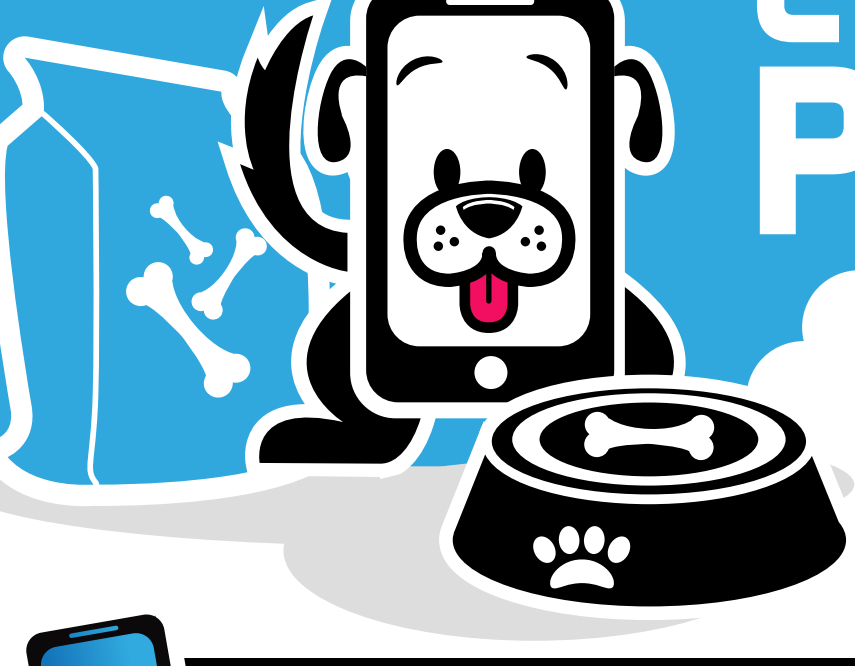
If your phone did come with accessories such as the battery and charger, make sure they are the correct models!. Incorrect accessories can cause a phone to be...

1. Unable to sync with your computer
2. Unable to hold a charge
3. Permanently damaged



What keeps your old phone going?

## CHECK THEIR PEDIGREE



### 4. Model History

Research the phone model you intend to buy. Make sure that...

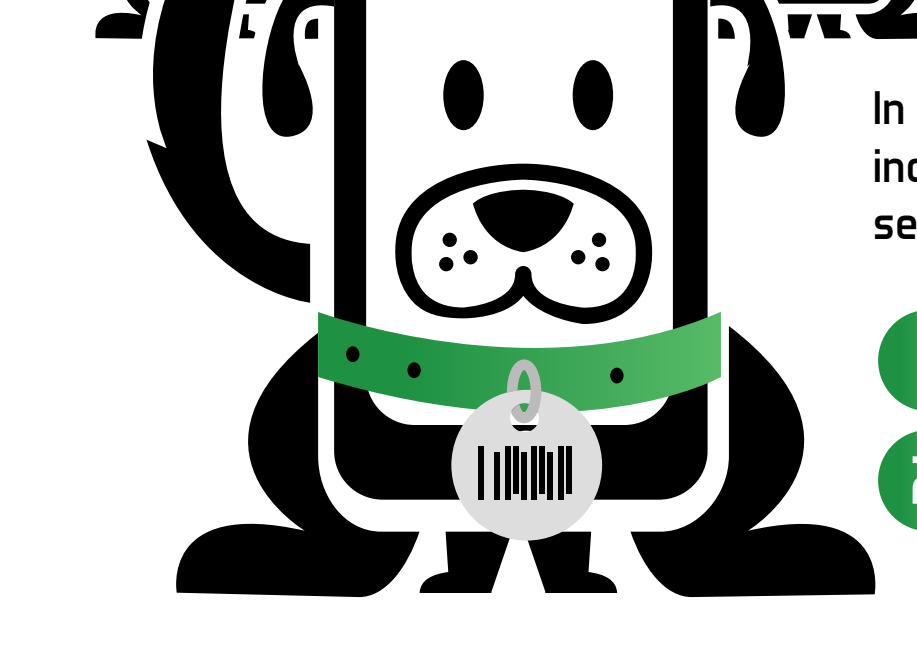
1. There are no known issues that persist after refurbishing.
2. The design and mechanics of the phone are not in question.
3. Your phone will be able to run the most recent operating system.



### 5. ESN:

In addition to model history, you can also look up an individual phone's history with the ESN (electronic serial number). With an ESN you can look up...

1. Details on previous ownership.
2. Whether or not the phone was stolen.



### 6. Seller Credentials:

Before making any purchase, you should...

1. Verify the credentials of the seller
2. Ask to see the mobile device certification
3. Make sure they offer a warranty



WITH THESE TIPS, YOU CAN SAFELY BUY A USED PHONE

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