

Home Visit Form

Name of dog to be adopted (if known):

POTENTIAL ADOPTER:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/ST/ZIP:

DATE OF VISIT:

Home Check CONDUCTED BY:

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Describe neighborhood: ()Suburban ()Urban/City ()Rural/Farm

Would you consider the street to be "high-traffic?"

Would you be comfortable walking in this neighborhood?

Are there many children playing in the street/outdoors?

Is there a busy/dangerous intersection located near the home?

THE HOME

Is the home an apartment, house, duplex, condo, or mobile home?

Does the neighborhood seem to be dog friendly (i.e. are there places dogs aren't welcome)

Is the potential adopter apt to move (is there a "for sale" sign in the yard?)

Is the home clean? If no, describe conditions:

Does the home appear to be "dog friendly?"

Did you see where the dog would be kept at night? Describe:

What will dog have as bedding?

Did you see where the dog would be kept when nobody is home? Describe:

Is there a garage?

Will the dog have access to the garage?

Is the garage climate-controlled?

Is there a basement?

Will the dog have access to the basement?

Would you have concerns about the dog having access to either of the above locations? If yes, explain:

Is there a **deck**? Is it safe for the dog to be out there?

How easy would it be for the dog to **escape** from the house, e.g. kitchen door opens into garage where garage door is always left open; doors don't close securely.

Any other dangers: e.g. poisonous plants, chemicals within reach; garbage; rodent poison; power tools, etc.

THE YARD

Is the yard completely and adequately fenced?

Is there direct access from the house to the yard?

Describe fence:

Does the yard appear to be "dog-safe?" Look for hazards such as obviously poisonous plants, sharp lawn equipment, or an unfenced swimming pool (or pool w/o easy way to climb out, hard cover or safety alarm)

If there is another pet in residence, is the yard cleaned of feces regularly?

Is there adequate shade?

Are there many critters in the area that might make a dog bolt through an electric fence (if present)

Is there a gate that is always kept locked (esp. important with children and workers who may leave the gate open)?

Are there any dogs or other animals that live adjacent to this property? If yes, do they appear hostile?

Is there a lot of foot traffic near the yard where people have easy access to the dog?

THE FAMILY

Did you meet the entire family? (Including roommates and nannies, etc)

Did any family member appear opposed to the adoption?

Is the family open and friendly, and willing to talk to you?

Do they have unrealistic expectations from a rescue dog? (For example, do they expect the dog to be perfectly housetrained, not to chew, not to dig, to get along immediately with other pets.)?

Are there children living in the home?

Are they well behaved and polite toward adults?

Do they act appropriately around dogs?

Have they been taught not to poke, pull, and otherwise torment family pets?

THE CURRENT PETS

Are there other pets currently in residence?

Please list all pets you met:

Are they clean and well fed? (Not obese, etc.)

Are they friendly?

Do they appear non-aggressive toward other dogs?

If there are any outdoor pets, do they have proper shelter? (Ask to see the doghouse, etc.) (Frankly, I would not want to see any outdoor dogs)

Are outdoor pets properly confined? (Chaining is not proper confinement.)

Are there dog toys in evidence?

IF yes, type of toys:

Is there fresh water out? Is food left out all day? (bad)

If you see other neighbors, don't hesitate to introduce yourself and explain that the applicants are applying for a dog to adopt, See if they will comment on how the other dog or past dogs/animals have been treated (or perhaps they had animals for short times that they did not tell us about)

GENERAL INFO

Are there any special needs, unusual circumstances, or concerns we need to consider?

If yes, explain:

Would you feel comfortable leaving one of your own pets with this family? If not, why?

Comments: **(please indicate any recommendations you made to family, I.e. - fence repairs, etc. - so we can follow up on these suggestions).**