

Home Visit Checklist

Dog Name, Sex, Age: _____

Potential Adopter: _____

House	
Do the doors, storm doors and screen windows close properly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do the latches work?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do they have levers for door handles? <i>(Explain the dangers of the dog being able to jump up and flipping the level and getting the door open)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	
Do they have a balcony? <i>(Explain dangers of balcony and introduction to balcony)</i> If yes are the railings high enough to contain the animal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do they have a sliding door with screen door? <i>(Explain some sighthounds are farsighted. Their near vision maybe poor. They may want to mark the sliding door / screen door so the dog can easily tell whether it is opened or close to avoid damage to the dog and/or door and/or screen. I've had more than one go through the screen. I mark my screen with painters tape so the dogs can see it better)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does it appear that animals are allowed in the house regularly? <i>(hair, food, slobber, pet bed/blankets, toys)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you see damage to the house by animals?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there house plants? <i>(many are poisonous)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Where will the pet food will be stored. <i>(Check to see if the dog can easily figure out how to get into the storage container.)</i>	
Are chemicals stored by pet food?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are chemicals (household cleaners) stored properly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If there is a cat, is the litter box protected?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do they have maid service? <i>(Explain dangers of maid service accidentally letting dog out, or allowing dogs into chemicals, etc – Ensure they have written instructions regarding the pet posted for the maid service personnel to easily see)</i> If yes, what are the plans for the animal during maid service?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Fence and Yard	
If yard is fenced, how big is the fenced in area?	
How tall is the fence?	
Describe the fencing materials: Chain link <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there locks on the gates? <i>(against children and thieves)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is either of these type of latches on the gates? <i>(Explain the dangers of the dogs using their noses to flip up the latch to escape)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	
Is there anything stacked near the fence that the dog could climb on to get out?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
What is the yard composed of <i>(grass, dirt, gravel, concrete)? (If grass, advise of mowing dangers by ensuring pet is put away during mowing)</i>	

Do they have a gardener and/or pool service? <i>(Explain dangers of gardening service accidentally letting dog out, or allowing dogs into chemicals, etc – Ensure they have written instructions regarding the pet posted for the gardening service personnel to easily see)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area properly shaded?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a water bowl in the yard?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are adopters aware of heat distress symptoms?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will digging create major problems with landscaping?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there places where the pet can leap off decks, etc. and get hurt?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any sharp objects in the yard?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there potential escape routes? <i>(low places in fence, evidence of digging at the fence line, holes in the fence, loose or high gates)</i> If yes, will corrective actions be taken before pet arrival? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are chemicals stored outside or in the garage? <i>(gasoline, antifreeze)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will animals have access to the chemical storage area? <i>(Explain dangers of, antifreeze)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any poisonous plants? <i>(many are poisonous)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do they have a pool? If yes, is pool access secured? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
What is their schedule for waste pickup in the yard? Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Neighbors & Neighborhood	
Is the fence shared with neighbors?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there loose dogs/cats in the neighborhood?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there children in neighboring yards?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there dogs, cats or livestock on neighboring property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Can any of them (animals, children) get into the pet's yard?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there potentially poisonous plants in neighboring yards?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will the dog be taken on walks outside of yard? <i>(Explain dangers of asphalt heating to ensure walks are done during cool part of day)</i> Air Temp Asphalt Temp 77° 125° 86° 135° 87° 143°	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe the surrounding area. (rural, suburban, urban)	
What potential hazards are there in the neighborhood/community?	
Is there a dangerous street near by that would endanger the cat if he/she were to get out? Notes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Living Arrangements

Where will the animal be when company comes? (*crated in the basement, outside, inside, other*)

Where will the animal sleep at night?

Where will the animal stay during the day?

Does the area look recently cleaned?

Yes No

Will dog be fed: (*Explain dangers of bloat on large dog – feeding after exercise not before*)

On Schedule Free Feed

Are adopters aware of bloat distress symptoms?

Yes No

Will dog wear snood? (*Explain dangers of leaving snood on when not eating*)

Yes No

Will dog wear a martingale collar? (*Explain need of martingale on sighthound*)

Yes No

Pet Hazards Inside

Is there evidence of small children? (*toys, food scraps - remind adopter that they will be destroyed if not put away and/or encourage fight between pets*)

Yes No

Are there sewing kits, bobby pins, wash clothes, sponges, small trash cans, razor blades, etc. at pet level or counter level? (*point them out*)

Yes No

Are there chemicals in the garage, basement or storage areas? (*point them out*)

Yes No

Does the animal have access to the areas with chemicals?

Yes No

Do the furnishings of the house appear to be pet proof (*glass objects or dried flowers at low levels, expensive rugs or furniture that can be knocked over by the dog*)? *Point them out.*

Yes No

Interaction with Current Pets - This is the most important part of the interview!

Are the current pets well socialized?

Yes No

Are they reasonably clean?

Yes No

Are they friendly and do they approach you in a friendly manner?

Yes No

Can you touch their ears and tails?

Yes No

How do they react to strangers in the house?

How did they greet you?

Are they hand shy in any way?

Yes No

After you have spent some time with them, do they relax and accept your presence?

Yes No

How do they react towards their owners, and do they respond to commands?

Yes No

If not, how does the owner handle it? (*Are they heavy handed or accepting? Do they force the issue or accept the disobedience?*)

Conclusions

- *These are the subjective clinchers and we rely on our home checkers for absolute candor.*

Do you feel the adopter will love and care for the dog/cat properly? Yes No

Do you feel this home will provide a permanent home for the dog/cat? Yes No

If this were your pet, would you do this adoption? Yes No

Would you feel comfortable leaving your pet with this family? Yes No

Ask how long it takes to get to the nearest emergency vet.

Corrective Actions recommended:

Name of Person Performing House Check

Signature

Date of Home Check