

Companion Paws Dog Foster Home Check List

Home

- Do the storm doors and screen windows close properly?
- Do the latches work?
- Does it appear that animals are allowed in the house regularly? (*hair, food, slobber, pet bed/blankets, toys*)
- Do you see damage to the house by animals?
- Are there house plants? (many are poisonous)
- Where will the pet food will be stored (*Check to see if the dog can easily figure out how to get into the storage container.*)

Fence and Yard

- If yard is fenced, how big is the fenced in area?
- Describe the fencing materials:
- Is the area properly shaded?
- Is there a water bowl in the yard?
- Will digging create major problems with landscaping?
- Are there places where the pet can leap off decks, etc. and get hurt?
- Is there anything stacked near the fence that the dog could climb on to get out?
- Are there potential escape routes? (*low places in fence, evidence of digging at the fence line, holes in the fence, loose or high gates*)
- Are chemicals stored outside? (*gasoline, antifreeze*)
- When you pointed these out to the potential adopter, how did they react?
- Do you think they will fix the problems?
- Do you think a pet would have escaped if you had not pointed out the problem?
- Are there locks on the gates? (*against children and thieves*)

Neighbors

- Is the fence shared with neighbors?
- Are there loose dogs/cats in the neighborhood?
- Are there children in neighboring yards?
- Are there potentially poisonous plants in neighboring yards?
- Are there dogs, cats or livestock on neighboring property?
- Can any of them get into the pet's yard?
- Describe the surrounding area. (rural, suburban, urban)
- What potential hazards are there in the neighborhood/community?
- Is there a dangerous street nearby that would endanger the cat if he/she were to get out?

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?
- How is waste removed?
- Does the area look recently cleaned?

Pet Hazards Inside

- Is there evidence of small children? (*toys, food scraps - remind adopter that they will be destroyed if not put away*)
- Are there sewing kits, bobby pins, wash clothes, sponges, small trash cans, razor blades, etc. at pet level or counter level? (*point them out*)
- Are there chemicals in the garage, basement or storage areas? (*point them out*)
- Does the animal have access to the areas with chemicals?
- 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.*
- Will scratching be a concern? (*Ask how they will correct the behavior*)

Pet Hazards Outside

- What plants are in the yard that may be poisonous? *Point them out.*
- Any sharp objects that could injure the pet in the yard?
- How does the family respond when you pointed out hazards?
- Ask how long it takes to get to the nearest emergency vet.

Interaction with Current Pets (the most important part of the interview)

- Are the current pets well socialized?
- Are they reasonably clean?
- Are they hand shy in any way?
- Can you touch their ears and tails?
- Are they friendly and do they approach you in a friendly manner?
- How do they react to strangers in the house?
- How did they greet you?
- After you have spent some time with them, do they relax and accept your presence?
- How do they react towards their owners, and do they respond to commands?
- If not, how does the owner handle it? (*Are they heavy handed or accepting? Do they force the issue or accept the disobedience?*)

Conclusions

- Do you feel the adopter will love and care for the dog/cat properly?
- Do you feel this home will provide a permanent home for the dog/cat?
- If this were your pet, would you do this adoption?
- Would you feel comfortable leaving your pet with this family?
- Since we have yet to regret turning down an adopter, does this adopting feel right?

Additional Comments

Name of potential dog fosters:

Address:

Assessor's Name: _____ **Phone Number:**
