

Home Visit Feedback

Adopter name:

City

Completed by:

Homechecker email:

Include your email address if you would like a copy of your home visit feedback.

Date:



1. List family members present during home visit, and family members NOT present during visit.

2. Describe size/dimension of yard in feet/yards.

3. Describe layout of yard, including grassy areas, paved areas, general condition and any landscaping as it relates to 'dog-friendliness.' Are there any plantings, structures that might be hazardous or that the family may be concerned about getting damaged.

4. Describe back yard fencing, including height at highest and lowest points, material (what's it made of?). Look for loose, broken or wobbly sections, nails sticking out or places where the dog could push out, dig out or dig under.

5. Are there any objects, planters, barbecues, shelves, furniture or other objects or structures near the fence that a dog could stand/jump on to escape?

6. Are gates padlocked? Are utility meters hung outside the gate? How are dogs contained when lawn guy, pool guy, etc. come back to work?

7. Where will the dog be kept when the family is away from home? If outdoors, what source of shade is there; is there shelter from the sun/rain?

8. Describe swimming pool and/or spa set up in the yard. Is it fenced separately? Is the adopter knowledgeable about pool-proofing the dog and teaching the dog to swim?

9. Describe other pets present in the home. Do they appear healthy, happy, well-cared-for? Is there evidence they're allowed inside (food/water dishes, toys, crate, etc)? How do they interact with the visiting dog?

10. Will the dog have free access to the garage? If so, is garage used for parking cars? What measures are taken to prevent the dog from escaping when parking in the garage? Look for fluid leaks and spills on garage floor, plastic containers for anti-freeze, motor oil, etc.

11. Are there young children in the home? If so, list ages. What is their behavior around the resident and/or visiting dog? Do adults in the home supervise the children; do the children obey their parents?

12. Describe inside of home as it relates to its dog-friendliness:

Look for any safety hazards. Are there any breakables that need to be moved before bringing a dog inside the home? Where is the dog door? Does it connect from the garage or main part of the home to the outside? If a second story, are stairs carpeted or bare wood/tile?

13. Ask the family where the dog will sleep at night – have them show you.**14. What are your general feelings about this home as a suitable place for a rescue dog?**

Consider the following questions: What type of dog would do best here (energy level, age, training level)? Does the type of dog they're interested in adopting seem to be appropriate for them (do they have realistic expectations)? Does this family seem like it would be patient with a rescue dog? Are there indications they'd give the dog some quality time? Would you categorize this family as being responsible pet owners? Do they seem interested in the concept of a loving companion dog and would they be willing to work with or train a dog to achieve a good result? What activities are they likely to include the dog in (jogging, spectator at kids' soccer games, dog beach, etc).