

Home Visit Report

Applicant(s) Name	Address
Phone	
E-mail	

(Please indicate with an "X" where required).

Type of Dwelling:

Single Family Home	Townhouse	Trailer Home
Multi-family Home	Apartment	Military

Setting: (choose all that apply)

Rural	Suburban	Urban
Wooded	Open Acreage	Waterfront
Highway Frontage	City Street Frontage	Boarding a park/field
Bordering a school?	Near a park?	Near a school?

Condition of Home:

Exterior	Interior
Landscaped, Extensive gardens	Immaculate
Tidy & Well-kept	Tidy & Well-kept
Average	Lived in but clean
Unkempt and/or overgrown	Untidy and/or dirty
Junked stored in yard, dangerous for animals	Trashed, dirty and hazardous for animals

Describe the home's interior:

(i.e. "brand new furniture", "hardwood/vinyl flooring with some carpets/rugs", "comfortable well lived in furniture", etc.)

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Accommodations for the dog inside the home:

(i.e. "access to entire home", "crate in kitchen/laundry room", "baby gate to confine dog to kitchen", etc.)

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Basement

Describe the basement and whether or not the dog will have access to it. Any concerns?

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Garage:

Describe the garage and whether or not the dog will have access to it. Any concerns?

Children in the home:

(Note their interactions with other pets in the home, their responses to discipline if seen, if parents supervise them around other pets in the home, give ages of the children, etc.)

Family Environment:

(i.e. "loud and noisy", "quiet and sedate environment", "hectic" etc.)

Other pets in the home:

(Describe the number, type and ages of any other pets in the home. Note their general health, type of collars, tags, levels of obedience. Are they spayed/neutered? How do they react with each other? How do they interact with the children? Are they afraid of anyone in the home?)

Accommodations for the dog outside:

(Is the yard fully fenced? Describe the height and material used . Condition of fence. Are there spaces in the fence through which the dog could escape?)

General Information:

Do the pets in the home have a good relationship with all family members?

What role will the new dog play in the family's life?

Are the current pets treated like members of the family?

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If the applicant is looking for a 2nd (or more) dog, why?

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Has the applicant ever had more than one pet at the same time?

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Is the applicant prepared for the expense and work associated with a pet?

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How committed is the applicant?

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Does the applicant seem to have **unreasonable expectations** regarding dog behaviors? If so, what are the expectations and why are they unreasonable?

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Are there toys in the house for the pets that already live there?

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Does the applicant seem to know some basic training techniques?

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Is the applicant willing to go to obedience classes with the new dog if necessary?

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Ask the applicant if they have ever had any challenges with their neighbours regarding their pets. Does the applicant think any of their neighbours would ever make an issue of the fact that they are fostering/adopting a new dog?

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Important: Please make sure the following was discussed and note their replies.

1. Explain that re-homing a dog is stressful for the animal.
2. Explain that rescued dogs may have training accidents, *even if they are housebroken*, for the first few weeks.
3. Bringing a new dog into a home where an existing dog resides will most likely result in a few scuffles to establish alpha status. Are they willing and able to deal with this?

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Additional Information:

(Please describe any additional information about the home or its family members you feel is important. Also, note if there is anything in general or specifically that would cause you to be uncomfortable about placing an animal in this home. Would you be comfortable leaving your own animal with the applicant?)

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Conclusion of Home Visit Volunteer:

(How would you decide if you had to make a decision right now? Please include details if needed)

Approve Applicant	
Do Not Approve Applicant	
Approve after educating the applicant more on dog issues related to rescuing	
Approved the applicant after alterations are made to the home environment	

Visit Date:	
Evaluator Name	
Evaluator Phone	
Evaluator Email	
Evaluator Signature	