

Home Check Prompts

The home check is to ensure a good match. Our priority must always be the well-being of the dog and the safety of the adoptive family

Adopter suitability

Is the dog and potential adopters a good physical match (e.g. too big for stature? Could the dog pull them over? Would it be too energetic?)

Do any members of the family have any allergies to animals?

What are the adopter's hours of work?

Have the potential adopters considered the financial implications of owning a dog (Vet bills, boarding, insurance etc.)?

Are they in a private rental/gated complex? If so is a dog allowed in the contract?

Are all members of the household in agreement with the adoption?

Are there any children? How old are they? Are the children familiar with dogs?

Are there any other resident pets? Are they all neutered?

Outdoor Space & Exercising

Is the garden secure?

Who will walk the dog? Where will the dog be walked?

Are the potential adopters fit enough to cope with this particular dog's needs?

How many hours would the dog be left alone at home?

How much freedom would the dog have around the house?

Where would the potential adopters keep the dog while they are out?

Where would the dog sleep?

What arrangements would they put in place for vacations?

Training

A rescue dog often needs patience and training.

Are the potential adopters willing to work with the dog and take it to dog training if necessary?

Are they familiar with housebreaking a dog?

If they have children, do they appreciate that they may need teaching about how to behave around a dog?

Recommendations

Are there any potential dangers to a dog that need pointing out to the potential adopter?

Are they happy to rectify these?

