

# Home Visit Check List

## House

Do the 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"/>
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? (many are poisonous)	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> )	
Is there a place for a litter box?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Fence and Yard

If yard is fenced, how big is the fenced in area?	
Describe the fencing materials:	
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"/>
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"/>
Is there anything stacked near the fence that the dog could climb on to get out?	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> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are chemicals stored outside? ( <i>gasoline, antifreeze</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
When you pointed these out to the potential adopter, how did they react?	
Do you think they will fix the problems?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think a pet would have escaped if you had not pointed out the problem?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there locks on the gates? ( <i>against children and thieves</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Neighbors

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 potentially poisonous plants 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 get into the pet's yard?	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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Living Arrangements

Where will the animal be when company comes? ( <i>crated in the basement, outside, inside, other</i> )	
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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### ***Pet Hazards Inside***

Is there evidence of small children? ( <i>toys, food scraps - remind adopter that they will be destroyed if not put away</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there sewing kits, bobby pins, wash clothes, sponges, small trash cans, razor blades, etc. at pet level or counter level? ( <i>point them out</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there chemicals in the garage, basement or storage areas? ( <i>point them out</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the animal have access to the areas with chemicals?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do the furnishings of the house appear to be pet proof ( <i>glass objects or dried flowers at low levels, expensive rugs or furniture that can be knocked over by the dog</i> )? <i>Point them out.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will scratching be a concern? ( <i>Ask how they will correct the behavior</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### ***Pet Hazards Outside***

What plants are in the yard that may be poisonous? <i>Point them out.</i>	
Any sharp objects that could injure the pet in the yard?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 - This is the most important part of the interview!***

Are the current pets well socialized?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are they reasonably clean?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are they hand shy in any way?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Can you touch their ears and tails?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are they friendly and do they approach you in a friendly manner?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How do they react towards their owners, and do they respond to commands?	
If not, how does the owner handle it? ( <i>Are they heavy handed or accepting? Do they force the issue or accept the disobedience?</i> )	

### ***Conclusions - These are the subjective clinchers and we rely on our homecheckers for absolute candor.***

Do you feel the adopter will love and care for the dog/cat properly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel this home will provide a permanent home for the dog/cat?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If this were your pet, would you do this adoption?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you feel comfortable leaving your pet with this family?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Since we have yet to regret turning down an adopter, does this adopting feel right?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_