

Suggested Interview Questions for Potential Adopters

Name _____

Address _____ City _____
(Ask for a driver's license to verify address.)

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

1) Do the potential adopters already have pets? If yes, what is their plan to safely introduce the new cat or dog to the resident animals?

2) What is their past history with pets?

3) If the potential adopters have had pets "all their life" or have recently had pets, ask for the name of their veterinarian. *(If they've had pets and don't have a veterinarian, this is something to be concerned about. How have they been providing health care for their pets?)*

4) Where will the pet be allowed when people are home? When they are not home? *(Tying a dog in a back yard, letting a cat outside to roam freely, and putting a rabbit in an outside hutch can lead to suffering, injury and possibly death.)*

5) If the people plan to leave the dog alone in the yard when they are not home, is it adequately fenced? Shaded?

6) How will exercise be provided?

Whenever possible, bring your animal to the adopter's home. This gives you an opportunity to introduce the animal to other pets or children and see the environment the animal will be living in. Make at least one phone call to see how the animal is doing in his or her new home. A responsible owner will welcome your concern for your animal.