



Foundation of Alberta

HOME VISIT CHECKLIST

Name of Volunteer: _____ Date of visit: _____

Name of potential adopter/foster: _____

Address Visited: _____ Phone: _____

GENERAL (Please circle one response only)

Does the home appear reasonably clean and tidy? YES/NO

Is the yard fully fenced? YES/NO

Is the yard fencing secure? YES/NO

Will the dog ever be left outside alone? YES/NO

Are the neighbourhood and streets busy and high traffic? YES/NO

CURRENT PETS (Circle one and point form answers)

Do they currently have a dog(s)? YES/NO

If yes, please describe the dogs: _____

Do they currently have a cat(s)? YES/NO Other small animals? YES/NO

If yes, please describe the animals: _____

Did the dog/cat/animal interact positively with you? YES/NO

Comments on interaction/behaviour you observed: _____

Did the dog/cat/animal interact positively with the adopter? YES/NO

Comments on interaction/behaviour observed: _____

Overall, do the person/family/inhabitants seem comfortable and affectionate to their pets?
YES/NO

Comments: _____

Overall do the pets seem well cared for and content in the home? YES/NO

How will pets be kept separate from the new dog during the initial days and while unsupervised during the adopters absences? Comments: _____

Plans For New Dog:

Is there a safe, quiet place set aside for the new dog to eat? YES/NO

Is there an appropriate place set aside for “downtime” if the new dog requires a break?
YES/NO

How and where will they exercise their new dog? Comments: _____

Family:

Are there children belonging to the household or in the home frequently? YES/NO

Are the children present and do they interact positively with the other pets? YES/NO

Were you introduced to all the family members who reside in the home? (Include roommates or unrelated individuals who reside there) YES/NO

SAFETY:

Use your “gut” and common sense when monitoring the home for potential dangers to the new dog. Keep an eye out for things like the following.

- Open poisons such as mice, rat or insect baits, chemicals in open cabinets, bathroom cabinets without latches, unsecured wiring, construction or renovations debris like nails in boards, stray metal (furnace ducts open in floors, corner moldings etc), broken glass/windows etc.
- Debris in yard such as old cars, pallets, paint/chemicals exposed etc
- Holes in the yard, low spots in fence height or open gaps under it where a dog could crawl out.
- Evidence of illegal activity such as drug paraphernalia, needles, grow ops, dog fighting etc.
- Spoiled food, household garbage, pet food containers/bags left in open areas with no secure storage.
- Evidence of the dog being left unattended in the yard for periods of time; tie out stakes, buried tethers, worn paths from pacing, overhead tethers, ropes or chains attached to outbuildings or dog houses
- Does the home look TOO clean? Will a dog and all their muddy paws and mess be welcome in this home?

Do you have concerns about leaving a dog in this home? YES/NO

Would you leave your own dog in this home for a weekend? YES/NO

Please add any further notes, concerns and comments in the below space.
