



Home Check Form

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Applicant's Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Type of animal wanting to adopt/foster:

Type of Dwelling (circle): Single family, multi family, town house, condo, mobile home, apartment

Size of Home: [estimate square footage if possible]

Setting [check all that apply]:

- Rural
- Open acreage
- Highway frontage
- Neighborhood street frontage
- Farm
- Property bordering on park/field

Condition of Home [check all that apply]:

- Immaculate
- Well kept
- Lived in but clean
- Exterior untidy
- Interior untidy
- Exterior unkept/poorly maintained
- Interior trashed/dirty

Describe the home interior: [Include type of furnishings, flooring, and general appearance. For example, "antiques with museum atmosphere", "shabby furniture", "brand new furniture and/or carpet", "badly stained carpet", "hardwood/ vinyl flooring with some carpet/rugs", etc.]

CATS: Describe what accommodations the home has for a cat and where the cat will be left when the owners are not at home. [For example, "free run of whole house", "access to most of house", "locked in bedroom"] Also make a note of where the litter box and food/water dishes will be located.

DOGS: Describe what accommodations the home has for a dog and where the dog will be left when the owners are not at home. [For example, "crate in kitchen/laundry room", "baby gate across kitchen", "pen in basement", "pen in garage", "outdoor run", etc.] Include complete description of any pen or kennel [chain link run, dirt run with chicken wire, etc]. Make a note of where food/water dishes will be located.

CATS: Will the cat ever be let outdoors unattended? [If so, please let them know of the dangers of letting a cat roam outside. Being let outside for short periods of time on a harness & leash (not unattended of course) or in a secured outdoor cat enclosure is much safer!]

DOGS: Will the dog ever be left chained out or left unattended in a fenced-in yard? [Describe the fencing, if any, and consider security of fence.] If the yard is not fenced, how do they plan on meeting needs of the dog? [urination/defecation and exercise]

Children: [Give ages of children, if any, and pay special attention to the behavior of the children, the parents' responses and method of discipline, and the children's interactions with other pets. Note whether parents always supervise young children with other pets and if the parents seem to expect the child/children to be "responsible" for the care of the pets.]

Family Environment: Describe the behavior of the adults among themselves, and to any other pets or children. [Are they respectful, hectic, noisy, loud, quiet, commanding, etc.?)

Life-Style Compromises: Has the applicant thought through life-style compromises pet ownership will require? Give details.

Other Pets: Describe number, type, age, and gender of the other pets and give complete description of their apparent health and well being. [Things to note would be skin or flea problems, condition of nails, overweight or underweight, type of collar, i.d tags other pets have, etc.]

Owner Interaction With Pets: Describe the relationship all family members seem to have to other pets.

What role will the pet play in applicant's life?

Are the other pets treated like family members?

How do the other animals behave?

Has applicant ever owned more than one cat/dog at the same time?

Is applicant prepared for the increased work and commotion?

What are the owner's responses to behaviors, good and bad?

Do other pets in the home obey happily?

Are the other pets out of control and undisciplined?

Do the owners appear to know some basic training techniques?

How do the animals react to the owners' response?

Important Question to Answer: Explain that re-homing a pet is stressful for the pet. Sometimes the rescued pet they want to adopt or foster may have accidents while they are in a new home for the first few weeks, even if they are house trained. Ask the applicant what they would do or how they would react to the new pet having an accident. For cats: suggest putting the litterbox in an easily accessible place until the cat is comfortable in their new home.

What was their reply?

The move to a new home: Explain that the pet will not understand what is happening and many times it takes a few days and in some cases weeks to months before the pet feels comfortable in their new home. The family should be prepared to give the pet some time to adjust and not expect too much too soon, **especially with interactions with children.** Introductions to children in the home should always be slow and they need to make sure the child does not get in the pet's face. The relationship will come, it will just take time. It's great that they will be excited and want to get out with their new pet but they also have to see it through the pet's eyes and allow him/her time to adjust.

Please describe any additional information about the home environment that you feel is pertinent.

Is there anything in general or specifically that would cause you to feel uncomfortable about placing a pet in this home? If so, what?

"Gut feelings" are considered important. Would you feel comfortable leaving your own pet with the applicant? Explain.

KAWS Representative

Date

KAWS Representative Signature

