

Interviewing Potential Adopters – Sample Questions

Try to think about what the ideal family or home for your pet would be. Make your list of questions to fit those desires or requirements. It is also helpful to have a separate list of the things you are not firm on and will be more flexible.

It's up to you how detailed you want to be. You can go as far as writing up an adoption agreement (see other Helpful Tips for a Download version) and have the adopter sign it, asking for a driver's license or photo ID for proof of identity, personal references, their veterinarian's information, or a home check.

Here are a few suggestions of questions to ask a potential adopter:

1. Why are you looking to add a new pet to your household?
2. What is your lifestyle like?
3. Do you have a veterinarian?
4. Are you an active person?
5. Do you rent? If so is there a rental agreement that allows pets?
6. Will the pet be a member of your family or a gift for someone else?
7. Do you plan to crate the dog? For how long each day?
8. How many people are in your household and is everyone on board with getting a new pet?
9. Do you have children? How old are they? Have they ever been around pets?
10. Do you have other pets? If yes, how are they with other animals?
11. Where will the pet be living? Will the pet be an inside /outside pet?
12. Why are you looking for this particular type of pet?
13. Can you provide a photocopy of your ID of some type? Will you provide references?
14. Would you feel comfortable allowing a home visit so I can see where my pet is going to live?

You can also create your own questions around what you believe is important to a healthy transition for your pet! Here are some other things to consider:

1. Your pet's activity level.
2. People time (okay being alone all day, needs people around all the time, et.)
3. Your pet's sleep routine and schedule.
4. Your pets need for outdoor time
5. Other animals
6. Financial ability