

## AMPS HOME VISIT CHECKLIST

**DO NOT GO ALONE. BRING A FRIEND FOR SAFETY** and a second opinion. AND be sure ALL family members are present. No sense going if you don't get to meet everyone.

### POTENTIAL ADOPTER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Check Conducted By: \_\_\_\_\_

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Describe neighborhood:      Suburban      Urban/City      Rural/Farm

Would you consider the street to be high-traffic? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be comfortable walking in this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there many children playing in the street/outdoors? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a busy/dangerous intersection located near the home? \_\_\_\_\_

Do they share a fence with a neighbor? \_\_\_\_\_

### THE HOME

Is the home an apartment, house, duplex, condo, or mobile home? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there double doors and does the outside door close properly? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the potential adopter apt to move (is there a for sale sign in the yard)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the home clean? If no, describe conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the home appear to be dog friendly? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you see where the dog will be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What will dog have as bedding?

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Did you see where the dog will be kept when nobody is home? Describe:

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Is there a garage?

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Will the dog have access to the garage?

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Is the garage climate-controlled?

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Is there a basement?

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Would you have concerns about the dog having access to either of the above locations? If yes, explain:

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Can the dogs figure out how to get into the trash?

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Do you see damage to the house by the dogs?

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Where is the dog food stored?

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Does anyone smoke inside the house?

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## **THE YARD**

Is the yard completely fenced? If yes, what type of fencing?

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Is there direct access from the house to the yard?

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Does the fence appear to be "dog-proof?" (ie - no gaps along bottom where a dog might dig or squeeze through, no gaps between house/fence posts, no sagging areas, etc.)

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Does the yard appear to be dog-safe? (Look for hazards such as obviously poisonous plants, sharp lawn equipment, or an unfenced swimming pool.)

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If there is another pet in residence, is the yard cleaned of feces regularly?

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Are there any dogs or other animals that live adjacent to this property?

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If yes, do they appear hostile?

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Are there places a dog can leap off a deck and get injured?

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Is there plenty of shade?

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## **THE FAMILY**

Did you meet the entire family?

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Did any family member appear opposed to the adoption?

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Is the family open and friendly, and willing to talk to you?

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Do they have unrealistic expectations from a rescue dog? (For example, do they expect the dog to be perfectly housetrained, not to chew, not to dig, to get along immediately with other pets.)

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Are there children living in the home?

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What are the children's sex and age?

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Are they well-behaved and polite toward adults?

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Do they act appropriately around dogs?

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Have they been taught not to poke, pull, and otherwise torment family pets?

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Are they able to return the dog if things don't work out?

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## **THE CURRENT PETS**

Are there other pets currently in residence?

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Please list all pets you met:

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Are they clean and well-fed?

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Are they friendly?

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Do they appear non-aggressive toward other dogs?

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If there are any outdoor pets, do they have proper shelter? (Ask to see the doghouse, etc.)

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Are outdoor pets properly confined? (Chaining is not proper confinement.)

Are there dog toys in evidence? IF yes, type of toys:

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**GENERAL INFO**

Are there any special needs, unusual circumstances, or concerns we need to consider?

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*If yes, explain:*

Would you feel comfortable leaving one of your own pets with this family?

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*If no, why not?*

*Comments: (please indicate any recommendations you made to family, i.e. -fence repairs, etc. - so we can follow up on these suggestions. Please add in this space a little personal information you would like to write about this home. Consider what you would want to know about a home if someone else was doing a home visit for you. Please be as honest and objective as possible. This is an important part of this form.)*

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