

EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS TO ASK POTENTIAL ADOPTERS

1. Are you aware of and prepared to assume the financial and physical responsibilities of caring for this animal? Including but not limited to: vaccinations, regular veterinary care and check-ups, appropriate quality food, time and attention.
2. Is everyone in the household agreeable to adopting this animal?
3. Have you had any pets before?
4. What happened to your previous pet(s)?
5. Do you currently have any pets? What are they?
6. Are you aware of the need and prepared to introduce the animals gradually?
7. What will you do if they do not get along?
8. What preparations have you made for the animal? For example, where will it sleep, what foods have you bought, etc.
9. What type of property do you live in?
10. Do you have children at home?
11. Who will be the primary caregiver of the animal?
12. Will there be someone at home during the day? If not, how many hours will the animal be left alone?
13. Are you planning to move in the near future? If yes, are you prepared to bring the animal with you?
14. What will you do if someone in the family develops an allergy?

For cats:

1. Will you be keeping the cat indoors? How will you ensure it does not roam?
2. Are you aware of the average life-span of a cat (up to 20 years) and are you prepared to give it a home for the rest of its life?

For dogs:

1. Why are you adopting a dog?
2. Are you prepared to train the dog?
3. Is your home suitably prepared for the dog (fencing adequate, etc)?
4. Are you aware of the average life-span of a dog (10-15 years) and are you prepared to give it a home for the rest of its life?