



Schipperke Rescue Net, Inc.

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Home Check Evaluation Form

Date: _____

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Evaluator Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Quick Check

Type of Dwelling (Circle One)

- Single family home
- Townhouse
- Condo
- Mobile Home
- Apartment
- Multi-family home
- Military
- Other (please explain)

Size of Home (estimate square footage if possible): _____

Setting (Circle all that apply)

- Rural
- Semi-rural
- Suburban
- Semi-urban
- Urban
- Wooded
- Open acreage
- Waterfront
- Highway frontage
- Neighborhood street frontage
- City Environment
- Property bordering on park/field



Condition of Home (Circle all that apply)

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

Fence & Yard

- What type of containment?
_____ Privacy fence _____ Open fence (chainlink, etc.) _____ Invisible Fence
_____ Other (please describe) _____
- Size of containment: area _____
- **Please check potential hazards in yard: (check all that apply)**
 - Lack of shade
 - No access to water
 - High decks (jumping hazard)
 - Holes or weakness in fencing
 - Items stacked near or by fence which might allow dog to climb
 - Loose latches on gates
 - Low places in fence
 - Sharp objects protruding from surfaces accessible to dogs
 - Evidence of digging
 - Potential escape routes (end poles, high bottom rails, etc.)
 - Loose dogs in neighborhood
 - Unlocked gates or no locking mechanism
 - Shared fencing or gates
 - Children on neighboring property
 - Dogs or other livestock on neighboring property
 - Predatory birds in vicinity

Inside the House

- Where will the dog be when company comes? _____
- Where will the dog spend the night? _____
- Where will the dog spend the day? (Check the day area for dog houses, beds or crates. Also check for water & shade.) _____
- **Please check potential hazards in the house: (check all that apply)**
 - Sewing kits, craft supplies at dog level
 - Bobby pins, razor blades, scissors within reach
 - Lotions, hair dyes, etc. out on surfaces
 - Sponges, knives, wash cloths, cleaning supplies within reach
 - Tools or chemicals in the basement or garage area (will the dog have access to these areas?)
 - Open or loose lidded trash cans
 - Children's toys, food scraps, glass items on low surfaces
 - Any of the above on surfaces with chairs or low tables next to them.

If any such hazards exist, please point them out to the applicant.

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", "hardwood/ vinyl flooring with some carpet/rugs", etc)

Accommodations (Describe what accommodations the home has for a new companion animal and where this animal will be left when the guardians are not at home. For example, "access to entire home", "crate in kitchen/laundry room", "baby gate across kitchen", "basement", "garage", "outdoor run", etc.)



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 companion animals. Note whether parents always supervise young children with other animals and if the parents seem to expect the child/children to be "responsible" for the care of the other animals.)

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

Lifestyle Compromises: (Has the applicant thought through life-style compromises that will be required when a new animal is adopted? Give details.)

Other Companion Animals: (Describe number, type, age, and gender of the other companion animals 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, etc.)



Applicant Interaction With Other Companion Animals:

- Describe the relationship all family members seem to have with other companion animals.

- What role will the animal play in applicant's life?

- Are the other companion animals treated like family members?

- How do the other animals behave?

- If applicant is looking for an additional companion animal, why does applicant want another?

- Has applicant ever lived with more than one companion animal at the same time?

- Is applicant prepared for the increased work, expense [including vet cost], and commotion?

- How committed is applicant?



- How does potential applicant respond to good and bad behaviors?

- Does applicant demand perfection or have unreasonable expectation regarding behaviors?

- How do the animals react to the applicant? Do the present animals seem happy, content?

Important

- Explain that re-homing a dog is stressful for the animal.
- Rescued dogs may have training accidents, even if they are housebroken, while they are in their present home or foster care, for the first few weeks.
- Ask the applicant what they would do or how they would react to the new dog having an accident.

What was their reply?

Additional Information

- Please describe any additional information about the home environment that you feel is pertinent – especially how applicant reacted when you pointed out hazards.

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



- "Gut feelings" are considered important. Would you feel comfortable leaving your own animal with the applicant? Please explain.

Please look into things such as:

- Include complete description of any pen or kennel [chain link run, dirt run with chicken wire, etc]. Will the dog ever be left chained outside or left unattended in a fenced-in yard? Describe the fencing, if any, and consider security of fence.
- Do other dogs in the home obey happily?
- Does applicant believe that the new dog will "train" old dog or vice versa?
- Are the other dogs out of control and undisciplined?
- Are there toys around for the dogs who already live there?
- Does applicant appear to know some basic training techniques?
- Is applicant prepared for the extra time and costs that might be involved with training?

Conclusion:

_____ Approve Applicant

_____ Do not approve applicant

_____ Approve after additional counseling of applicants

and/or

_____ Approve after modifications to the home environment Please describe:

Additional Comments:

SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR:

Please sign and return to:
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Newport News, VA 23606

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