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# INTERVIEWING ADOPTERS

Preparing a list of questions for meeting potential adopters is very important. Since you know your pet better than anyone, envision what type of home you would like them to go to. Use that vision to make a list of questions to fit those desires or requirements. Have a separate list of the things you are not firm on and things that are negotiable.

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- Who is your veterinarian?
- Are you an active person?
- Do you have a fenced yard?
- Will the pet be a member of your family? Or a gift for someone else?
- Do you plan to crate the dog? For how long each day?
- Will you provide references?
- Will the pet be an inside & outside pet?
- Do you rent? If so, is there a rental agreement that allows pets?
- Do you have children? How old are they? Have they ever been around pets?
- Why are you looking for this particular pet?

Take the time to get to know potential adopters. Asking questions and having conversations before you meet will help you decide whether the applicant will be a good fit for your pet. If you have an uneasy feeling about an applicant, remember the saying "better safe than sorry," and don't be afraid to gracefully walk away. Always use your good judgment and the buddy system when doing a home check or meet & greet. Listen to your pet. Your pet has instincts and will tell you if they like a person, or if they are not comfortable with a person.

