

Before you adopt a pet, we have some details we would like you to consider in and around your home. This is really important.

Home Safety Check Information Sheet
(return to Big Dog Rescue)

Dog/s you want to adopt/foster _____

Name: _____ Phone h. _____ c. _____

House

1. Any dangerous objects on the ground? _____
2. Is the house so clean that the you would be upset if the dog had an accident on your floor? _____
3. As your pet/s age, are you willing to continue to care for them even if they forget where the dog door is or eliminate in the house? _____
4. Do you have another pet? _____
 - a) If so, describe age, sex, personality and breed. _____

 - b) Are they altered? _____
 - c) Are you sure your other pet wants a companion (competition for your affection)? _____
 - d) Do you have the resources and commitment to clean, groom and care for additional animals? _____
 - e) Will your other pet be willing to share sleeping space? _____
5. Is there a dog door to the outside? _____
6. Do you have birds or other caged small animals that have not been mentioned? Have you considered how to keep them safe? _____

Yard

1. Is it fully enclosed/fenced? _____
2. Are trash bins and compost secure? _____
3. How often is dog waste cleaned up and by whom? _____
4. Are there outdoor water bowls? How often are they cleaned? _____
5. What is the minimum height of the entire fence and gate? _____
It is constructed of _____
6. Are there any objects close to the fence that can be used by the dog to climb over fence? _____
7. Have you checked for any loose boards in the fence? _____
8. Are there any gaps/holes under fencing? _____
9. Is the gate secure? _____ Does it open or lock from the inside or outside? _____
Please describe. _____
10. Is there a pool? _____ If so, is it fenced? _____
11. Are the utility meters outside the gate? _____
If not, can they be read without opening gate? _____

12. Are there any workers entering the yard when you are not home? _____
 If so what precautions will you take to ensure the dog/s are secure? _____
13. Is there protection from elements—shade, shelter....? _____
14. Are snail bait or other chemicals used in the yard? _____
15. Have you checked all labels for warnings? _____
16. Is an emergency contact number for poisons posted in an accesible spot for everyone? (800-213-6680, possible fee) _____
17. Are there areas of the yard off limits to the dog? (kids play area...) _____
18. Are there any poisonous plants or toxins in the yard? (cocoa mulch, grape vines, oleander, mushrooms, poinsettias, poisons) _____

Garage

1. Are there any dangerous chemical’s lying around? _____
 (antifreeze, pool chemicals, charcoal, snail bait, rat poison etc.)
 Please consider a locked container for these items with a pet poisons helpline posted on it.
2. Is the garage door on an automatic or manual opener? _____
 If automatic, is there a motion sensor? _____
 Could garage be left open in error allowing dog access to the street? _____

New Pet

1. Where will the new dog sleep? _____
2. Where will the new dog be while applicants are at work? _____

2. How will the dog be exercised? _____

Pet’s Name: _____ Size and activity level _____

Would the above pet fit nicely into your home and lifestyle for their entire life, perhaps 15 years? **Moving, having a child, or working longer hours are never an acceptable excuse for dumping your dog.** _____

Do you know canine CPR? <http://www.cpr-etc.com/Pet-CPR-and-First-Aid/> _____

Do you have an emergency first aid kit for pets? _____

Are you aware of how hot a car gets? _____

Cracking a window will not alleviate the soaring internal temperature.

Do you know where the local pet emergency center is? _____

Do you have pet insurance or a pet care credit card for emergency costs? _____

Have you budgeted for grooming costs, vaccines, dog sitter, boarding? _____

Is this dog’s breed compatible with you and your family’s lifestyle? _____