



THE MEET-AND-GREET: *interviewing potential adopters*

You want to find the best possible match for your pet, so the first step is transparency. Share with the future family any medical information, behavior information (to the best of your knowledge), the pet's personality and lifestyle in your home, and tendencies.

From there, some thoughtful questions can help you learn more about the prospective adopter and their family:

- What is a typical day like in your home?
- What qualities are you hoping for in a pet?
- What behaviors would be hard for you to tolerate or difficult to manage in a pet?
- Do you have other pets? Tell me about them!
- Are there children in your family? How will they be supervised with the new pet?
- What questions do you have for me about our life with the pet?

bonus tip:

If it's an option for you, consider recommending a trial sleepover where the pet goes to stay and you check back in. If you'd be able to take the pet back temporarily, let the new adopters know that you'd like that option if things do not work out.

