

# WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN HOME CHECK

Applicant Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer: Please circle and/or fill in the answers. Remember: You are the dog's advocate. A Westie is not for every family.**

## ***Environment/House/Fence/Yard***

Type of home: \_\_\_ House \_\_\_ Duplex \_\_\_ Condo Neighborhood: \_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_ Rural \_\_\_ City  
Front yard securely fenced? Yes No Back yard securely fenced? Yes No  
If there is no fencing, does owner understand dog must be on lead at all times? Yes No  
If there is fencing: Type of fencing \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you trust your Westie in this yard? Yes No Does exit from house lead directly into fenced area? Yes No  
If no, how does owner intend to get dog into fenced area? \_\_\_\_\_  
Gates: Close without large gaps? Yes No Locks on Gates? Yes No (*please ask for locks on all gates*)  
Are there potential escape routes? (*low places, evidence of digging, holes in fence, loose/high gates*) Yes No  
Is there anything stacked near the fence that the dog could climb on to get out? Yes No  
Is the home clean/suitable for a dog? Yes No Is there a deck? Yes No If so, is it safe for the dog? Yes No  
Are there places where the pet can leap off decks, etc. and get hurt? Yes No  
Will the dog have access to the garage and the basement? Yes No Any concerns? Yes No  
Where is sleeping area? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you don't feel it is appropriate, please comment : \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Pet Hazards***

Is there evidence of small children? (*toys, cribs*) Yes No  
Are there chemicals in the garage, basement, yard or storage areas? (*point them out*) Yes No  
Does the animal have access to the areas with chemicals? Yes No  
Is there a pond or a pool? Yes No If so, does the dog have access to the pool and/or pond? Yes No  
What is the plan for keeping the dog safe? \_\_\_\_\_  
How does the family respond when you pointed out hazards? Agreeable Disagreeable Defensive

## ***Interaction with Current Pets***

Pets in the Home: # of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Types, sexes and ages \_\_\_\_\_  
# of cats \_\_\_\_\_ Types, sexes and ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Other animals: \_\_\_\_\_  
Any health problems? (*overweight, fleas, other*) Yes No Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are the dogs/cats neutered or spayed? Yes No Are the current pets well socialized? Yes No  
Are they reasonably clean? Yes No Are they hand shy in any way? Yes No  
Are they friendly and do they approach you in a friendly manner? Yes No  
After you have spent some time with them, do they relax and accept your presence? Yes No  
How do they react towards their owners? Friendly Obedient Fearful Guarded Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Interaction With Family***

Did you meet the entire family Y N Did a family member appear opposed to having the dog? Yes No  
Do they have unrealistic expectation from a rescue dog? (i.e., do they expect dog to acclimate immediately, be perfectly house trained, not to chew, etc) Yes No

## ***Conclusions - These are the subjective clinchers and we rely on our home checkers for candor.***

Do you feel the family will: love and care for the dog properly? Yes No Will provide a proper home? Yes No  
Would you feel comfortable leaving your pet with this family? Yes No

## ***Items to be remedied prior to adopting dog:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Rescue Agent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**