

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN HOME CHECK

Applicant Name : _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

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 ___ (**suggest 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: _____
- Does anyone in the home smoke? _____
 - If so, what will be done to protect the dog from second-hand smoke?

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 dog 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 house:**

- # 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 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 Yes ____ No ____
- Did any 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 ____ If "no", explain:

Conclusions

- Do you feel the family will: love and care for the dog properly? Yes ____ No ____
- Will they 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

Note: Send original to Coordinator and file copy in foster guide.