

## Use of Petfinder

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When we can't find an appropriate home among the applicants we have already, we can post to Petfinder. There we put photos and a "story" in which we can tell what the dog is like and explain what type of home we are looking for. We can be specific, e.g., no children, fenced yard, someone home during the day or a dog walker who will get the dog out at lunch time, and so forth. We can state our "ideal" home. (We should be sure it doesn't match anyone on our list though and be prepared to explain to our applicant list as to why we didn't choose them for this dog if they should ask.)

Then we tell them to go to our website and print our application and send it in. From that point we treat it like any other application. Sometimes this has a side benefit of getting more applications in general.

There has sometimes been a feeling that we lower our standards when we go to Petfinder. We don't. We do get more applications that we probably won't accept but we maintain the same standards when we review the applications.

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