

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