



Indiana Bulldog Rescue
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Home Visit Checklist

Home Visit Volunteer: _____ Date: _____

Adopter Name(s): _____

Bulldog Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Dwelling Information

Please check the appropriate type: House Apartment Condo Duplex Mobile Home

Is dwelling 1 or 2 stories? If stairs, are they carpeted? Yes No	Is the home air-conditioned? Yes No Educate on short-nosed breed and overheating in sun, etc.
Does the home have a pool? Yes No Is it adequately fenced? Yes No	Are there children in the neighborhood? Yes No
Does the home have a secured fenced yard? Yes No Type: Chain link Wood Plastic Height _____	If no fence, how will dog be exercised? _____ _____ And, how often? _____
Where will the dog stay during the day? _____ _____	Where will the dog sleep at night? _____ _____
Are dog doors present? _____ Can they be locked at night? _____	Will the dog have the run of the house or be confined? _____ If confined, where? _____
Does the home appear dog friendly? Yes No Concerns: _____ _____	Is there adequate shade outside? Yes No If not, please instruct accordingly. Heat can kill a bully!
Will the dog be left unattended outside? Yes No Awareness of stolen dogs and desire for bullies by others.	Is there an adequate water supply? Yes No Educate fresh water need for better health.

Adopters

Was the home visit appointment easy to make? Yes No

Did they need more time? Yes No

If so, why? _____

Was the entire family attendance? Yes No

Were the children dog-friendly? Yes No N/A

Does the family seem knowledgeable of bulldogs? Yes No

Are they eager to learn? Yes No

Is the family aware of IBR's adoption process? Phone screening, matching, home visit, trial adoption, adoption fee, adoption contract? Yes No

Please refer to the 'Adopt' section of our website for more details on IBR's adoption process.

Why does the family wish to adopt a bulldog? Why are they choosing rescue?

Bulldog Care

Who will be the primary caregiver for the bulldog? _____

Who is home during the day and when? _____

Are they ready for a dog (food, dishes, leash, collar, bed, etc.)? Yes No

If no, do you have any concerns about them being ready prior to a trial? _____

What type of dog food do they plan to use? _____

If their adopted bulldog has allergies, are they will to buy a more specialized food? Yes No

What type of collar do they plan to use? _____ *If needed, please explain harnesses vs neck collars for bulldogs.*

Are they prepared to accept bulldog shedding and slobber? Yes No

Are they aware that bulldogs can be stubborn? Yes No

Are they willing to accept this with patience, kindness and appropriate training? Yes No

What are their plans for introducing the bulldog to their home and other pets, if applicable and and training – housebreaking, inappropriate chewing or barking, etc.?

Please provide the adopters with a copy of 'A Letter from Your New Dog' if they need assistance with bringing a new dog into their home.

How much does the family plan to spend on bulldog maintenance per year? \$ _____

Does the family understand that bulldogs can be costly due to allergies, dry eye, thyroid issues, special food, etc.? Yes No

Is the family willing to work with an adopted bulldog if any of the above conditions are present or do arise? Yes No

If no, why? _____

The lifespan of the average bulldog is 8 to 15 years. Is the family committed to lifetime care for an adopted bulldog? Yes No

Do you have any reason to think that they might surrender an adopted bulldog back to IBR? Yes No

If yes, please explain concerns. _____

If the family is considering the adoption of a bulldog who does not interact well with dogs, cats or children, what are their plans to ensure the bulldog and others remain safe or secure in and outside of their home? _____

Did the adopters have any other questions about bulldogs and/or the care of bulldogs? Yes No

If so, please summarize: _____

Other Pets

Please list name(s), breed(s), age(s) of other pets who reside in home:

Are all pets current on vaccinations? Yes No N/A

If not, why? _____

Are all current pets spayed/neutered? Yes No N/A

If not, why? _____

Heartworm meds used: _____ Flea prevention used: _____

Please describe the family's interactions with their pets?

Overall Comments from Home Check Volunteer

What are your overall thoughts on the family and their ability to provide a forever home to one of IBR's bulldogs?

A few things to consider as you prepare for and summarize your thoughts on the home visit:

- The home check is sometimes the one and only time rescue will meet the prospective home and decide the future of a placement.
- Remember home checks are rarely pass or fail visits, they are more of a visit to help determine how a bulldog would fit into the prospective home and what the bulldog would be expected to be in the home.
- IBR only places in-door pets that are going to be family members.
- While at the home check, as yourself: "Would I leave my own bulldog here and what would I want to see changed in the home before I would leave mine there?"
- Not everyone can be held to our personal standards, but we can hope the come pretty close to how each of us would feel.

- Pay attention to stairs, the condition of the fence, is there tile in the home, where could they keep the dog for the first few weeks while training the dog in the new home.
- Ask the home 'What would they not accept in the care and upkeep of a rescue bulldog'. Explain to them bulldogs are not perfect and the home will be a partner the long term care of a bulldog.
- Ask the home 'What do they like best about the bulldogs and what are their expectations of a rescue bulldog.'
- Do they have other pets... if so, how are those pets... are these pets happy, well socialized, well fed and well mannered? If their current pets are in good care, we can hope that is a sign they will treat a rescue dog as well too.