

Questions for Potential Adopters:

- 1) Tell me about your home. Do you have children? Other pets? Do you rent or own? This question will give you a sense of the home to which your pet will be going. It will also allow you to rule out homes where your pet will not thrive. If your pet does not get along with other animals, for instance, it would be best to re-home them in a single pet home.
- 2) Are you looking for an indoor or outdoor pet? If you want your pet to be indoor only at their new home, this question is very important.
- 3) How much time each day will your pet be left alone? Again, gives you a sense of the new life your pet will be living.
- 4) Do you have a fenced yard? Important for active pets being re-homed. If they do not have a fenced yard, ask about their plans to exercise your pet.
- 5) Under what circumstances would you consider surrendering an animal to a shelter? Potty accidents in the house? Chewing? Scratching furniture? This is an important question if you want to ensure your pet will be considered a vital part of his/her new family.
- 6) If you are re-homing a cat, ask if they plan to declaw the cat. Declawing cats can create a host of behavioral and joint problems. It is not typically recommended by animal welfare organizations.

Perform a Vet Check

GMHS also checks past veterinary records of current pets of potential adopters. Double checking there are consistent veterinary visits and previous animals were given heartworm and flea/tick prevention, helps ensure your pet is going into a home that places value on their pets' health and care.

Ask to see past veterinary records if potential adopters currently have animals, or ask their permission to contact their vet.