

Ten Questions you should ask someone who wants to adopt your pet

- 1) Who will be responsible for the pet? This question is to find out if the person to be caring for the pet is a child, spouse who has not been involved in the adoption, or an unsuspecting receiver of a gift (almost always a bad idea).
- 2) Do you have a pet now or what happened to the last pets you owned? Getting a prospective owner to talk about present or past pets is a great way to get a feel for the type of owner they are.
- 3) Who was/is your veterinarian? Don't be afraid to call their vet and find out if this person brought their pet in for regular checkups. The veterinarian can be a great reference.
- 4) Where will the pet live most of the day? The night? Knowing where the pet is going to be kept can also give you a better picture of what kind of home this will be.
- 5) Do you rent or own? Checking with a landlord now may prevent the new owner looking to re-home your pet again when an unhappy landlord discovers the pet.
- 6) Who lives in your home? Make sure everyone in the home is in agreement on the adoption of a new pet.
- 7) Are there children in the home or children that will be visiting? Make certain that if your pet is not good with children the new owners know this information.
- 8) Are there other pets in the house? If there are, be sure that your pet will be safely introduced. If you know that your pet will be aggressive to the other pet, be honest and look for a different home.
- 9) Does anyone in the household suffer from allergies or asthma? A major reason that people give for giving up pets.
- 10) Are you willing to pay an adoption fee? The fee does not have to be high, and will help to ensure that the adopter isn't going to sell the pet to a research facility. "Bunchers" frequently answer "free to a good home" ads and then turn around and sell the pets to labs. Charging a fee helps discourage people with bad intentions and you can always donate the fee to a local pet shelter.