

Dog ID# _____



HOME VISIT GUIDELINES

Introduce yourself to the family. You will want to meet all members of the family on your visit. Assess if all members of the family are excited about getting a Scottie dog. If you get the feeling one or more members are not interested, spend some time with that person to assess if the dog will be welcome in the home.

Get a feeling about the family situation. Is this a safe and secure place for a rescue dog? Do you detect any tension or conflict in the home? If so, then it might not be the best home to place a dog that is in transition and may be scared and will be confused.

Is the home reasonably neat and clean? Do you see any items or situations that could be dangerous for the dog? Are there attractive nuisances either inside or outside the home? Are there small items on the floor that a dog could swallow? Are there poisonous substances on the floor that a dog could get into? Look in corners and around furniture, etc.

Look at the backyard. Is it a clean and safe environment for a dog? Walk the entire fence to be sure there are no places a dog could get out of. Scotties are escape artists and this is a must. If there is not a fenced area, talk to the potential adopters to ensure they will walk the dog many times during the day. Always mention that we do not recommend they leave the dog outside while they are not at home no matter what the situation. We do not adopt to families using invisible fencing.

Will the dog have access to a swimming pool or body of water? Scotties do not swim well, if at all, so adopters must have these areas secured so the dog cannot be in the area without supervision.

Ask the home owner where the dog will sleep and you will want to see that area as well. Ask to walk through the home in all areas the dog will spend time.

Are the dogs in the home clean and well cared for? We will do a vet check but ask that you take a close look at the dogs in the home. Are they gentle and disciplined? Do they look healthy?

The final question I always ask myself is – would I be comfortable with my dog staying with these folks for an extended period of time. Would I trust my dog with these folks? That will tell you a lot.

You do not have to tell the family whether they passed or not. We will do that. Just thank them for their time and tell them STROF will be in touch with them. We have done a lot of background work before you make the home visit, so most of the time the home will be the right place for us to place a Scottie.

Thanks so much for helping Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida place another dog that is looking for his or her forever home.