



# ANIMAL RESCUE OF THE ROCKIES

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## HOME VISIT CHECK LIST

Visit is for  Foster  Adoption (check one)

Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Potential Foster/Adopter: (please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for volunteering to do a home visit for us. Here are a few things to keep in mind while doing a home visit:

- What is the general mood of the existing pets (if any)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Do they seem happy, sad or scared?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- How do the people interact with their pets while you're there?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- What type of yard do they have?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Is the back yard fenced in?  Yes  No

- Is the front yard fenced?  Yes  No **\*\* Important: Are there any holes in the fence, loose gates, or gaps between the ground and fence where a dog could escape?**

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Do they have a dog run and/or dog door?  Yes  No

- Would a cat be able to escape to the outdoors?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Are there water dishes available to the animals?  Yes  No

- Does it look like their dog is ever tied up?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Does it look like their pets are kept in crates for long periods?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do they live near a busy street with high traffic?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do they have stairs leading to their home? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, how many? *(For Special Needs dogs only)* \_\_\_\_\_
- Do they have a garage? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, does it look like the pet would be spending much time in there, i.e. via a pet door leading into garage? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Look to see if there are pet toys and pet beds in the home. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- Are their pets allowed on the furniture? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- Is this a home I would want one of my pets living in? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We're not checking to see if the dishes are done or if the beds are made – we're looking for what type of environment the foster family will provide for a pet. It's very informal, and we always try to keep the home check specifically about the adoption and the pet. The purpose of the visit is to ensure that the pet is going into a good home environment.

I have visited this home and approve it as a foster/adoptive home: *(circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
ARR VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I agree to comply with all requirements for fostering/adopting an A.R.R. pet: *(circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF FOSTER OR ADOPTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Congratulations! You have become the newest member of the Animal Rescue of the Rockies family! We know you have many questions and we want to do everything possible to make this a smooth process and a positive experience. Although our Foster Care Guidelines, in conjunction with your Foster Coordinator's expertise, are the best source for answers to all of your questions, we have put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions as a quick reference.

- **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Please contact your Foster Coordinator, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ or ARR's help line at 970-389-8324 with any questions or concerns.

- **How long will I have my foster dog/cat?**

The length of time a pet is in foster care can vary greatly depending upon several factors (age, health, breed, temperament, etc.). The average time a pet is in foster care is between 1-2 months.

- **What do I do in case of an emergency?**

Always contact your Foster Coordinator if there is an emergency. If you are unable to reach your Foster Coordinator, call the main ARR phone number at 970-389-8324.

- **When my dog/cat is sick or injured what do I do?**

If your foster pet is sick or injured, please contact your Foster Coordinator to arrange a veterinary appointment.

- **I don't have a crate, food, or other supplies. Do I need to buy these items?**

As a non-profit organization, ARR depends upon the generosity of our volunteers, fosters, and donors to save shelter pets. Luckily, we receive some donations of food, crates, and other supplies. These items are available to our fosters if we have them. Should we not have food available, we do have to rely on fosters to provide food for their foster pet.

- **I am experiencing some behavioral issues with my foster pet. Who do I contact?**

Please contact your Foster Coordinator. ARR is fortunate to have a few trainers willing to work with our fosters and their foster pet. Your Foster Coordinator can put you in touch with a trainer.

- **I received paperwork when I picked up my foster pet. What do I do with the paperwork now?**

This paperwork is VERY important. It becomes part of your foster pet's permanent record and allows us to get your foster pet listed on the website, scheduled for vetting, and entered in our system. Please scan in any paperwork and email to [arrdocs@gmail.com](mailto:arrdocs@gmail.com) or fax it to 303-648-4678.

- **When will my foster pet see the vet and how do I get an appointment scheduled?**

ARR uses an intake process that ensures all of our pets are scheduled for a vet appointment as soon as possible. Most pets will be scheduled within a week or two of arriving in your home. Our vetting schedulers will contact you to get this appointment scheduled.

- **My foster animal is meeting a potential adopter. If they want to adopt, can I let them take the pet home?** All adopters are required to complete paperwork, have a home visit, and pay an adoption fee before taking their new family member home. We also need to ensure that all vetting has been completed and that we have a microchip number for the pet in our records. Our adoption **coordinator** will advise you when your foster pet can go home with an adopter.