



10 Pre Screening Tips

1. **Require that adopters show a picture identification and proof of home address.**
2. **Ask if they have a landlord. Adopters should present a copy of their lease agreement or a letter from the landlord stating that pets are allowed.**
3. **Notice how the adopter(s) interact with the animal – do they just point at the cat or dog? Do they hug the animal? Note their body language and facial expressions.**
4. **Did adopter have previous pets? What was the length of their life? Reason for death?**
5. **Are the pets they currently have spay/neutered, vaccinated and in good health? Can they name their veterinarian? Can they recall their last visit?**
6. **Do they have the time for a pet? Emphasize the need for dogs and cats to interact with people. Ask adopters to think about their current time requirements. Do they work full-time, have children, etc.?**
7. **Where do they keep their pets? Indoors/Outdoors? Where do they sleep? Is the pet considered a member of the family?**
8. **Ask for the name and phone number of someone who knows the adopter well. Check reference - ask about pet history and verify all facts.**
9. **Check their home phone number to verify that it is indeed their phone and is working.**
10. **Keep a list (on rolodex or computer) of people not permitted to adopt, due to past cruelty, neglect or abandonment.**