



SOUTHERN STATES RESCUED ROTTWEILERS, INC. (SSRR)

ADOPTION HOME VISIT CHECKLIST

NAME & ADDRESS: _____

Why a Rottweiler?

What is your level of experience in the breed? (If the person has not had a rottie, I ask about any experiences they have had with rotties and what are their expectations? I'm looking to hear if they have an understanding of how much love and attention are required, if they understand what a rottie can destroy if he decides to take a chunk out of the furniture, if they have a sense of how smart these little sweeties can be. I'm also trying to get a feel for the person that he/she is so soft could be bullied or let the dog get out of hand or too tough because "rotties are tough" attitude.)

What is your lifestyle (active, homebody, etc.)?

How many Rottweilers have you spent time with? _____

Is spouse/significant other also interested in getting another rottie? _____

Have you checked with your insurance company? _____

How often do your dogs visit a vet? _____

What type of HW preventative do you use? _____ Flea/tick? _____

How many hours a day will the dog be alone? _____

Do you use a crate when not home? _____

How will you provide adequate exercise for your Rotti? _____

Will you be able to bathe, groom, pick up all feet, clip toenails, show bite, touch your Rotti all over so your vet will appreciate your dog? _____

Are you willing to socialize your dog by taking him out to meet other animals and people and taking him on outings with you? _____

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Are you truly willing to share your life with this dog as a member of your family?

Will your neighbors accept this dog into their community?

Do you realize the possible expense involved with this dog, proper kibble, proper vaccinations, heart worm preventative, what if this dog is injured?

Rotties are prone to things such as hip dysplasia. Are you prepared for this?? _____ both mentally, physically and financially? _____

Do you realize Rotties shed? _____

What sort of fun things do you think you'll do with your Rottie?

Under what unforeseen conditions would you give up a dog?

Do you understand an SSRR dog can only be returned to SSRR? _____

Does anyone in the family have allergies to pets? _____

What other dogs are in your neighborhood? _____

Are they confined or running loose? _____

If other dogs or cats live in the home, how do you plan to introduce new household member?

Will you be willing to keep us posted about the dog - either through written statement or possible Follow-up home visits and maybe even pictures?? _____

Will you be willing to try to educate others about this breed? _____

Do you have information resources? Feel free to ask SSRR for support. _____

Where will the dog reside? (at this time you may ask to see yard, the rest of the home, where dog will be when family is gone, or wait until the talking is over) _____

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Fenced yard? _____ Type of fencing? _____ Locks on gate(s)? _____

Cleanliness of house? _____

Yard? _____

Check for anything left out that would harm an animal:

Antifreeze _____ Oil Spills _____ Pesticides _____ Chemicals _____ Poisonous Houseplants _____

Sharp Objects - _____ Ragged pieces of metal or fencing - _____ Other - _____

How adults treat current pet(s)? _____

How kids behave towards their rottie/current pet? _____

If no dogs, how do children behave in general? _____

Physical condition of pets. Do current pets look clean? _____

Any problems or potential problems noticed? Fleas? _____ Ticks? _____

Excessive scratching? _____ Bad breath that could indicate bad teeth? _____

Other? _____

If they currently have no pets, previous experience and pics if possible.

Does their house look too pristine to accept pets inside?? _____

Emotional - how they (the potential adopters) act. Towards you _____ Spouse _____

Children _____ Current Pets _____

Any known temperament problems of current pets? _____

If yes, please

explain. _____

Is there a reason to believe an existing animal would not accept a rotti in the home? _____

If yes, explain.



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Rotti's/current pet(s)'s attitude towards other dogs? _____

Adults _____

Children _____

You _____

Other Pets _____

Any Obedience Training? _____

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Were all adults present during the home check? _____

Did you read through the Adoption Contract with the potential adopters? _____

Do they understand the terms of the contract? _____

Do they have any questions about the contract? _____ If so, what parts did they have questions about?

Please assure them that a board member or coordinator will contact them to explain any portions they have questions with.