

FOSTER HOME CHECK LIST



REQUIRED REVIEW:

- Proximity of home to busy roadways.
- Check doors and windows. Pets can pop open doors and tear through screens.
- Ask where will pets eat, drink, sleep, go potty, exercise/play.
- Ask where the pets will be when people aren't home. How long will it be alone? Ask where they will place a crate or baby gates; make suggestions (such as kitchen). Advise not to confine in dark, lonely areas like basements or laundry rooms.
- Garages, shops, sheds: Do not allow pets in these areas. They can be injured on tools, loose nails, poisons, and antifreeze. Pets love the taste of antifreeze, one lick can be fatal.
- Yard: Check for open wells, debris, hazardous materials: Cover wells, remove debris.
- When the pet visits, observe the people's responses to it being in the home.
- Before approving, ask yourself if you would entrust your dog to this home.

SUGGESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

- Doorknob advice: "Before opening doors, locate the pet. Be sure it can't run out."
- Exterior Doors: Suggest baby gates where needed to prevent escapes.
- Windows: Move/remove cords in which a pet can get tangled.
- Look for open-structure stairs, and open railings often found on upper levels of homes. These may need to be screened or blocked so a small animal can't fall through.
- Kitchen: Floor-level cabinets should be secured; keep toxic cleaners out of the pet's reach. Keep dishwashers closed – pets can climb in or ingest detergent.
- Bathrooms: Don't confine here. Pets slip off tubs or turn on faucets.
- Look for cords/wires on which pets might chew. Conceal or unplug.
- Space heaters and electric appliances: Remove from floor.
- Power strips: Cover open outlet holes so pets can't stick claws or tongues in them.
- Valuables: A pet may knock over items, or may chew knick-knacks. Remove glass, ornaments, and window candles that a pet may knock over.
- A/C and electrical units: Shield wires to prevent pets from getting electrocuted.
- Suggest Bitter Apple on furniture, moldings and other items pets might chew.
- Someone should be with pets when outside and with cats while on a screened in porch. Fences can have gaps. Check for those security concerns. Monitor for safety.

To be completed and signed by a staff member of the New Hampshire Humane Society.

Staff Name

Staff Signature

Date