



Purpose of Home Visits – To meet all applicants for adoptions and/or fostering in their home setting. All household members must be in agreement and willing to care for a new dog in their home. Also, that all are made aware of the Suncoast Basset Rescue (SBR) requirements for adoption and/or fostering (which are outlined on the Home Inspection form). Review the safety and pet friendliness of the home and yard. Note any concerns to the potential adopter and/or fosterer and provide any suggested changes. Examples - repair holes in fence; no hazardous elements within dogs' reach; twice per day feeding; adequate water; etc.

Home Inspection Form

SECTION A – General Information

Name of Suncoast Basset Rescue Dog(s) Interested in: 1. _____
2. _____

Name of Family: (all adult members)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Apartment Complex: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION B – House, living conditions, yard, and neighborhood

1. Check one: House Condo Apartment Mobile Home

2. Check one: Own Rent

A. Is home in good condition, clean & neat? YES NO

B. Are the living quarter's dog friendly? (medications, etc. out of reach) YES NO

3. Does the home have central heat/air and adequate ventilation? YES NO

If no what type of cooling/heating/ventilation systems are in place? _____

4. Is the yard fenced? YES NO

If yes, What type of fence _____ Chain link _____ Picket Other _____

b. Is there a doggie door YES NO

c. Is fence secure, free from holes, gaps, and weaknesses? YES NO

If No, Explain _____

If not fenced:

a. ___ Discuss the importance of leash walks and exercise

b. ___ Remind to never let dog have free roam outside.

5. Is there a hot tub, pool, canal, or other water area YES NO

If yes, is dog adequately protected from entry into the hot tub, pool, or canal? YES NO

SECTION C – Family & Other Pets

1. Is the main caretaker physically able to care for the dog? YES NO

2. Do all adult family members appear to be interested/ excited about adopting a basset?

3. Does the family have children? YES NO If yes, how many and what are the ages?

1. _____ Age _____

2. _____ Age _____

3. _____ Age _____

4. _____ Age _____

If No, do they have young children visit? YES NO

If yes, do they understand the need to watch the children and dog interact, some dogs aren't comfortable around children.

4. Is family interested in fostering? If so do they seem happy and committed to the idea of fostering a homeless basset hound? YES NO If yes, **have them complete Foster Care Agreement**

Notes _____

5. Does the family have pets? YES NO

If 'No', skip to SECTION D - Plans for Adopted Dog

If yes, list pets here and

1. Type _____ Breed _____ Age _____

2. Type _____ Breed _____ Age _____

3. Type _____ Breed _____ Age _____

If pets are farm animals, do they appear healthy? Yes No
Sometimes dogs may not be familiar with farm animals.

6. Are the pets getting along? YES NO Notes

7. Are the pets clean? YES NO Notes

8. Are pets current on vaccinations? Yes No

9. Are the pets current on heartworm prevention Yes No

10. May Suncoast Basset Rescue contact your vet? YES NO

Family's Vet _____ Vet's Phone Number _____

11. How often is the dog fed?

12. Where is the dog fed?

13. Are food/water bowls (inside and outside) clean and of adequate size? YES NO

SECTION D – Plans for Adopted Dog

1. Where will the adopted dog be kept during the day? (Check one) ___ outside, in fence

___ Is there adequate shelter and water available always? YES NO

___ inside, free room of house

___ inside, crated

___ inside, confined to certain room(s)

2. Where will the adopted dog sleep? (Check one)

___ outside, in fence

Is there adequate shelter and water available always? YES NO

___ inside, free room of house

___ inside, crated

___ inside, confined to certain room(s)

3. If crate is to be used, is it adequately sized and in good condition? YES NO Size:

4. SBR Volunteer, Explain each of the following:

- a. ___ Inform family that adoption applications and pre-adoption home inspections are approved by Suncoast Basset Rescue. SBR will contact the family regarding this inspection and the pending adoption.
- b. ___ Recommend twice daily feedings. Remind the family that some rescue dogs may be a bit malnourished and will need to be fed more food, more often, and in some cases, higher calorie food such as puppy formula, until sufficient weight is gained.
- c. ___ Importance of bathing, nail trimming, and ear cleaning.
- d. ___ Importance of scheduling a vet visit within 30 days of the adoption.
- e. ___ Telephone Suncoast Basset Rescue immediately if the adopted dog becomes lost or is stolen.
- f. ___ Notify Suncoast Basset Rescue at least one week prior to a change of address.
- g. ___ Do not transfer the ownership of the adopted dog to any other person without first obtaining the adoption approval of Suncoast Basset Rescue. The adopted basset may not be transferred to any other person, firm, corporation, or organization for any reason.
- h. ___ If custody of the adopted dog must be relinquished, notify Suncoast Basset Rescue immediately to arrange for its re-adoption.
- i. ___ Recommend that the SBR red tag remain on dog

SECTION E – Comments

1. Any special needs, unusual circumstances, or concerns we should consider?

2. Would you feel comfortable with SBR adopting to this family? _____

3. Any other general comments:

Print Name of volunteer _____

Signature of volunteer _____

Scan and e-mail to: info@suncoastbassetrescue.org and the home visit coordinator