

Community Dog Advocates – Reference Check Script (Recommended)

PERSONAL REFERENCE CHECK CALL:

Hi, My name is (*Your Name*) and I am a volunteer community dog advocate. (*Potential Foster/Adopter's Name*) filled out an application wanting to Foster/Adopt (*Dog's name here*). In order to complete our reference check process, I was hoping you could answer a few questions for me.

- 1) How long have you known (*Potential Foster/Adopter*)?
- 2) Tell me a bit about (*Potential Foster/Adopter*) and how are they with their current pets?
- 3) Do you feel their home environment would be good for this dog?
- 4) Do you feel they are responsible pet owners?
- 5) Are their dog(s) left outside?
- 6) Have they ever surrendered or returned a dog to a shelter?

VETERINARY REFERENCE CHECK CALL:

Hi, My name is (*Your Name*) and I am a volunteer community dog advocate. (*Potential Foster/Adopter's Name*) filled out an application wanting to Foster/Adopt (*Dog's name here*). In order to complete our reference check process, I was hoping you could answer a few questions for me.

- 1) *If they have a current dog(s):* Do they bring their pets in for regular checkups?
 - a. Can you also tell me if they are up-to-date on HeartGard or heartworm testing
- 2) *If they do not currently have a dog but they have in the past:* Did they bring their pets in for regular checkups?

PERSONAL REFERENCE CHECK EMAIL:

Hi,

My name is (*Your Name*) and I am a volunteer and community dog advocate. (*Potential Foster/Adopter's Name*) filled out an application wanting to Foster/Adopt (*Dog's name here*). In order to complete our reference check process, I was hoping you could answer a few questions for me. How long have you known (*Potential Foster/Adopter*) and what kind of dog parent(s) are they? Do their pets visit the vet regularly, get regular walks, and are welcome inside the home? Do you feel their home environment would be good for this dog? If they do not currently own a dog, do you feel (*Potential Foster/Adopter's Name*) would be responsible dog owners?

Thank you for your prompt response,

(*Your Name*)

Community Dog Advocate

(*Option: list whatever rescue you are working with below*)

(*Email address/Phone*)