

## FRR Home Visit Report Example – Section 1: Family Life

**Please share what you have learned from a potential adopter's home visit.**

Adopter name(s)	Anne-Marie & family (see below)
City	Los Angeles
Date	1/9/2021
Completed by	HV Volunteer Vicky

### **List Family Members Present:**

Anne-Marie  
Kevin  
Mason  
Lucas  
Xander

### **If young children live in the home, how do they treat the resident dog?**

Mason & Lucas ages 10 & 12 were active with Kelly, their resident dog. Lucas showed me how he trained Kelly to sit, down, stay, and shake using treats which Kelly loves. When I asked the boys specific questions, they were good listeners and responsive. They were also very patient during the interview. Xander is 8 months old and was particularly good during the visit. Xander was bouncy on Anne-Marie's lap with Kelly snuggling right next to them and Kelly was not bothered at all. Xander also was making baby noises and Kelly not phased by this either. Boys are responsible for feeding Kelly. Children seem very respectful towards their parents. Parents seem very involved with children, Xander was handed off to Kevin at one time and Xander settled and seem comfortable with Dad too.

What should have also been asked/put in report: Need to know how interactive children are with dog and how dog reacts. Are they rough, physical, know how to treat a dog, have experience with other dogs?

### **Describe any pets present during the visit.**

Kelly a rescue lab mix that they have had for about 1 year. They believe she is between 3-5 years old. Kelly appears to have a sweet disposition she hung out on the couch with the rest of the family and wagged her tail a lot -she appears incredibly happy to be there. Kelly seemed very relaxed but became alerted when Lucas got treats to demonstrate training they have done. Kelly also seemed very comfortable with all family members. When asked if Kelly has had experience with other dogs, Anne-Marie indicated that she has encountered dogs on walks and has seemed fine and friendly but has also barked at some. But there has not ever been another dog in the home with her. Kelly weighs a little less than 40 lbs. Her energy level was described as Moderate. They said Kelly loves her crate and likes riding in the car.

What should have also been asked/put in report: This description is very important in matching dogs. We need to know how current dog interacts with other dogs or has even had experience with other dogs. Is the dog playful with other dogs or more interested in interacting with people? It was clear that Kelly is food motivated. Does she like to play with toys and is she possessive of food/toys?

**What are the plans for exercise for the dog?**

Daily walks in the neighborhood with the boys and Anne-Marie and play time in their backyard.

**Describe the area where the dog will be kept when the family is away.**

Indoors in a crate.

What should have also been asked/put in report: Do they know how she behaves when the house is empty and she is crated?

**Where will the dog sleep?**

Wherever the dog likes. Kelly likes to sleep with Lucus most of the time and likes to sleep with people.

**Any plans to remodel or travel soon?**

None. They are not traveling due to Covid 19 and they just moved into a new house.

**What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of this family as adopters? Would you leave your own dog with them?**

Anne-Marie & Kevin have had dogs together since they met in 2000. They previously rescued a dog that lived to be over 15 years old. Prior to rescuing Kelly, they rescued a puppy which did not work out and they returned the dog to the rescue.

I am guessing they are in their 30's- Anne-Marie is a stay-at-home mom and does some consulting on a very part time basis. She also home schools the boys and Xander is an active 8 months old. Kevin is working from home and is not sure if that will continue post Covid.

They have rescue experience with both Oreo and Kelly and are looking for a family dog and a playmate for Kelly. When asked how they would introduce a new dog to Kelly they all provided input and had a well thought out plan on this. They are looking for a smaller dog-one close to Kelly's size one that the boys can manage-they currently walk Kelly around the block in their neighborhood. Age preference 3-5 years old and one that is good with children.

This family would provide a safe and loving home to a dog and I would leave my dog with them. Description of plan entails neutral ground introduction, dragging leads for a couple of days if needed, 2nd crate, if needed, supervise closely early on, keep water/food bowls separated. Open to gender, toddler friendly/tolerant, no puppy - Anne-Marie said that she already has a baby in the house. They are not in a rush and want the right fit. Neighborhood is highly dog populated. Mom and Dad appear fit and very involved with children and have a calm manner about them. The only room that will be off limits to a new dog is Kevin's work work. Anne-Marie petted Kelly constantly during the visit and the boys were affectionate with her too.

What should have also been asked/put in report: Not explored is why they returned a dog to the rescue? This would be important to know and could this happen again. They did mention that they tried a trainer but did not expand what that training included.

**What else would be important to share?**

They have been "fostering" Kelly for over a year and would like to "foster to adopt" to make sure the dog is a good match for their family-including Kelly.

If vacation, dog could be placed with parents to dog sit. Parents live close by.