

FRR Home Visit Report Example – Section 2: Training Dog

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

Adopter name(s) Pam/Bob (Bob not present due to training video but if all members are not present, STOP HV and reschedule)

City Burbank

Date 1/5/2021

Completed by HV Volunteer Kriss

Have they worked with a trainer before? Name of trainer, type of training, was it successful or not?

Brother-in-Law was a trainer in Florida. Franchise in Orlando. This is where she got idea about throwing bean bag at dog. YouTube is a resource that she likes to refer to. But did ask if we had referrals for trainers. Asked her to send an email when she finds the name of the dog training Franchise the brother-in-law worked.

Describe their plans for future training (what type, who, under what circumstances, etc.)

Have not experienced reactivity on leash walking, unaware of equipment like harness as only uses collar and leash. Potty training - all dogs in past have not had problems, but if had accidents, would tell dog “bad dog” then take out and also pay attention to signs. House manners - no issues in past but will try to keep counters clear and have things put away, we will figure out as they go along (wait and see attitude). No crate but could crate for safety. If barking a problem, “may throw something at him to get attention, like a ball, to get attention and say no!” Did say that distraction would be attempted. Growling/biting behavior, have experienced and taught her to be more cautious and respectful of space. Had some ideas about a dog being reactive like turning around, hold closes not as much lead given. If take/grab things will just take out of mouth, use distraction. Before they leave, they would check and put things away or out of reach. Personal dogs in the past have not really had any issues.

Describe the area where the dog will be kept when the family is away (outdoors, shady, secure, not secure, etc.)

Free in home and try to just put things out of reach. Did mention a crate if needed and would be open to using.

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

In regards to training or behavior challenges, not much experience but is open to asking rescue for help or referral. Some answers are old school. No mention of reward-based training as answers were more “tell the dog no”. Not much in terms of anticipating behaviors and having plans on how to handle.

What else would be important to share?

Dog social with friends that have dogs, but would tell friends that their dogs could not come if their dog is not dog friendly. Their Burbank neighborhood has a high dog population.