



[How to Screen Adopters \(if they are rehoming their animal\)](#)

We have a screening canned response (*Appendix F*). When you post someone's cat or dog, copy and paste a link to your post into an email and send to them...then also include the How to Screen canned response and tell them it's very important they use that info to keep their pet going to a safe and responsible home. Let them know Craigslist is dangerous and to stay away from it. Facebook or any other marketing site can be dangerous too, so they definitely need to screen all potential adopters.

How to Screen Potential Adopters Canned Response

Please make sure you get a vet reference (get the name and number of the vet the potential adopter uses and the name of the pet they take there), and then call the vet's office (speak to receptionist) to verify it and ask them if they would recommend that person as a responsible pet owner. The vet's office will not mind telling you! If you get a good vet reference then that's a great sign, but if not, RUN. After that do a home check. Actually go to the person's home and see where your dog will be living. Ask questions. Where will your dog sleep? Will your dog be inside only or outside part of the time and if so, how much of the time? Will your dog spend hours on end stuck in a crate? Find out what kind of quality of life your dog will have with these new owners before making a decision. Be sure to let the people know if your dog does not work out as a pet in their home that they are to call you to reclaim the pet and not just take your dog to some animal shelter. It would be a great idea for you to give someone adopting your pet a two-week "trial adoption" with the understanding your dog can be returned to you if it doesn't work out.