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**CRIM 3600 Research Methods**  
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**“Can you adopt this dog?” Classroom Activity**

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**Adopt or Not?**

You and your partners work for an animal shelter and just received an adoption application! Someone is interested in adopting one of your dogs. Now you have to decide if a person should adopt or not.

**Previous Applicants**

Below are two previous applications. Two were **accepted** and two were **rejected**. Based on these two applications, determine if your new applicant can adopt a dog or not.

**Accepted Applications**

**Person 1**

How many people live in your home? **4**

Do any children live in the house? If so, what are their ages? **2 children, 7 years old and 10 years old**

Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **1 pet, Cat**

If there is another dog in the house, do they have experience living or interacting often with another dog? **Not applicable**

How many hours do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a day? **4**

How many days do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a week? **5**

Will there be anyone home during the day to let the dog out or play with the dog? **Yes**

Are there any family members whose health may be affected by the dog? **Yes**

Do you own or rent your property? **Own**

Do you live in a house or an apartment? **House**

Is there a backyard or area on your property for the dog to run freely? **Yes**

If there is a backyard, is it fully fenced in? **Yes**

Do you have a trusted veterinarian in your location? **Yes**

Are there dog parks in your location? **Yes**

Will you buy your dog pet insurance? **Yes**

**Person 2**

How many people live in your home? **2**

Do any children live in the house? If so, what are their ages? **0**

Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **1, Dog**



If there is another dog in the house, do they have experience living or interacting often with another dog? **Yes**

How many hours do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a day? **8**

How many days do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a week? **5**

Will there be anyone home during the day to let the dog out or play with the dog? **Yes, dogwalker**

Are there any family members whose health may be affected by the dog? **No**

Do you own or rent your property? **Own**

Do you live in a house or an apartment? **Apartment**

Is there a backyard or area on your property for the dog to run freely? **Yes**

If there is a backyard, is it fully fenced in? **Yes**

Do you have a trusted veterinarian in your location? **Yes**

Are there dog parks in your location? **Yes**

Will you buy your dog pet insurance? **No**

## Rejected Applications

### Person 3

How many people live in your home? **1**

Do any children live in the house? If so, what are their ages? **0**

Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **0**

If there is another dog in the house, do they have experience living or interacting often with another dog? **Not applicable**

How many hours do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a day? **8**

How many days do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a week? **5**

Will there be anyone home during the day to let the dog out or play with the dog? **No**

Are there any family members whose health may be affected by the dog? **No**

Do you own or rent your property? **Own**

Do you live in a house or an apartment? **Apartment**

Is there a backyard or area on your property for the dog to run freely? **No**

If there is a backyard, is it fully fenced in? **Not applicable**

Do you have a trusted veterinarian in your location? **Yes**

Are there dog parks in your location? **Yes**

Will you buy your dog pet insurance? **No**

### Person 4

How many people live in your home? **3**

Do any children live in the house? If so, what are their ages? **1, 8 years old**

Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **0**

If there is another dog in the house, do they have experience living or interacting often with another dog? **Not applicable**

How many hours do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a day? **8**



How many days do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a week? **5**

Will there be anyone home during the day to let the dog out or play with the dog? **No**

Are there any family members whose health may be affected by the dog? **No**

Do you own or rent your property? **Rent**

Do you live in a house or an apartment? **House**

Is there a backyard or area on your property for the dog to run freely? **Yes**

If there is a backyard, is it fully fenced in? **No**

Do you have a trusted veterinarian in your location? **Yes**

Are there dog parks in your location? **Yes**

Will you buy your dog pet insurance? **No**

### **New Application**

How many people live in your home? **2**

Do any children live in the house? If so, what are their ages? **0**

Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **1, Lizard**

If there is another dog in the house, do they have experience living or interacting often with another dog? **Not applicable**

How many hours do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a day? **6**

How many days do the main people who will be taking care of the dog work a week? **5**

Will there be anyone home during the day to let the dog out or play with the dog? **Yes**

Are there any family members whose health may be affected by the dog? **Yes (allergies)**

Do you own or rent your property? **Rent**

Do you live in a house or an apartment? **Apartment**

Is there a backyard or area on your property for the dog to run freely? **No**

If there is a backyard, is it fully fenced in? **No**

Do you have a trusted veterinarian in your location? **Yes**

Are there dog parks in your location? **Yes**

Will you buy your dog pet insurance? **Yes**

Do you **ACCEPT** or **REJECT** their application? Why?

What questions from the application did you weigh more? Why?

What might be some implicit biases in this application?