



Course Number and Name
Faculty Name
“Adopt or Not?” Classroom Activity

Adopt or Not?

You and your partner 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 the person should be able to adopt or not.

Below are four previous applications. Two were **accepted** and two were **rejected**. Based on these four applications, determine if your **new applicant** can adopt a dog or not. There are discussions questions at the bottom of the document.

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 (allergies)**

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 children**

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**

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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 children**
Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **0 pets**
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 child, 8 years old**
Are there any other pets in the house? If so, what pets? **0 pets**
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**

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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: ACCEPT OR REJECT?

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

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

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Based on the four previous applications? you think this new application should be accepted or rejected? Why or why not?
2. What questions did you weigh more heavily and why?
3. Who does this question favor and why? (some examples of demographic information includes race, age, gender, socioeconomic class, location, etc.)
4. What problems can you see arising from making a choice about who can adopt a dog or not based on these process?
5. What other questions would you want to include in this application form to mitigate the favorability mentioned in question 3 or the problems mentioned in question 4?

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