**ADFSR: HOME CHECKER GUIDELINES**

**( But most of all trust your instinct)**

* **HOME**

1. **Safe place allocated – suggest utility room/kitchen**
2. **Position of food dishes, cat litter tray and cat bed – discuss appropriate food, cat litter, feeding regime**
3. **Cat flap available – check that it is locked until neutered**
4. **WARNINGS – scratching furniture & carpets, climbing curtains, hiding in cupboards/washing machines, scratch and bite if scared**
5. **Surroundings – busy road nearby?**

* **LIFESTYLE**

1. **Arrangements if at work – left in or out?**
2. **Dogs and other pets – assess temperament**
3. **Children – ages?**
4. **Rented Accommodation – pets allowed?**
5. **Holidays – placed in cattery or neighbour/family coming in to feed**
6. **Financial considerations – 18+ year commitment**

* **CARE**

1. **Register with a vet – ascertain which one**
2. **Responsible for neutering at 5/6 mths. – advise about various schemes**
3. **Microchipping- strongly advised to confirm ownership**
4. **Cat collar – consideration as it provides a visible sign of ownership**
5. **Insurance – only a suggestion**

* **PLEASE REMIND WOULD-BE ADOPTERS THAT IF THE HOME-CHECK IS SUCCESSFUL, THEY HAVE 7 DAYS TO VISIT THE RESCUE AND COLLECT THEIR CAT/KITTEN**
* **AND FOLLOW-UP CHECKS WILL BE MADE, ESPECIALLY TO CONFIRM NEUTERING**

**CATS PROTECTION – HELPLINE: 0208 853 8667 – request a Neutering Voucher**

**PDSA – ELIGIBILITY CHECK – 0800 731 2502**

**RSPCA – NEUTERING LINE – 0300 123 8019**

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