

There are instances when an owner must part with a beloved dog. It is of utmost importance that the owner speak to interested families and be sure that it is the right home for the future. Both parties should ask these very important questions listed below.

It is always the responsibility of the individual that wishes to re-home to contact the interested parties, vet them, and decide if they are a good fit for your Bolognese. The Adopter determines all fees for adoption.

## Questions that the surrendering owner might ask:

- 1. Name, address, phone number, email address
- 2. Desired Bolognese characteristics (age, gender, size, personality)
- 3. Have you ever seen a Bolognese or do you know anyone that owns one?
- 4. Can you tell us why you want a Bolognese?
- 5. Basic information about the adults and children in the household (age, occupation, hobbies/activities)
- 6. Living Situation (type of dwelling: house/apartment/farm, fenced area)
- 7. Animal experience (Ask about any other dogs in household breed/age/sex/neutered or spayed, dogs that live nearby, and previously owned pets)
- 8. Living situation for the Bolognese (primary individual that would be responsible, where will the dog stay, average time dog would be alone each day, will someone be home during the day, where will your dog eat/sleep, how would you arrange family vacations with the dog?
- 9. Is there any health or other reason you may need assistance in caring for your Bolognese? If so, what are the circumstances?
- 10. Can you provide references?
- 11. Can we meet or do a video conference?

## Questions that a potential adopter might ask the surrendering owner:

- 1. Does the breeder know that the dog needs a new home?
- 2. Ask details about the dog such as age, spayed/neutered, housebroken, personality
- 3. Ask about the dog's breeder: breeder's name, paperwork proving registration
- 4. Is the dog friendly with: adults, strangers, men, women, children, other dogs, cats?
- 5. Why are you giving up the dog?
- 6. Ask specific questions about the vet care and history. Discuss: health conditions, dates of last vaccinations, heartworm, flea and tick control, etc.
- 7. Grooming: Do you take the dog to a professional groomer? How often?
- 8. Can you provide references? Vet records? Registration papers?
- 9. Other topics to cover: signs of aggression, obedience training, food
- 10. Can we meet or do a video conference?

Joyce Eisert is available upon request to answer any questions you may have such as questions about travel regulations and how to best get the re-homed dog to the new owner.