

## QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFERENCES

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This form is to be used to document the input from Personal References (PR) provided by an AROO Applicant. The Applicant may be requesting to become an AROO General Volunteer, a Foster Home, or to Adopt an Aussie. Questions 1 through 7, and the General Comments at the end are for all Applicants. Questions 8 through 11 are ONLY for Foster Home and Adoption Applicants. Watch for any inconsistencies between the Applicant application form and statements made by the PR. To the extent possible, ask open ended questions. Let the PR talk, and listen carefully. Ask follow-up questions based upon the answers you receive to the questions below. Never let the PR know if you hear something that you don't like. Never respond negatively to their answers. You want them to talk as openly as possible.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ for: **Volunteer**    **Foster Home**    **Adoption**  
Personal Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Time Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Method: \_\_\_\_\_ Contacted By AROO Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your relationship with the Applicant?
2. How long have you known the Applicant?
3. Have you visited with the Applicant in their home?    Yes    No    If yes, how often?    Recently?
4. Have you seen their dog(s)?    Other animals?
5. Where do their dog(s) spend the day?
6. Where do their dog(s) sleep?
7. Describe their other pets (if any).

### For Foster Home and Adoption Applications ONLY:

8. Describe the behaviour of any children in the home, e.g., active, noisy, unruly, etc.
9. Describe the fence, if any.
10. Do you think the applicant will be able to provide enough exercise for a high energy breed like the Aussie? (This question often prompts a response about the dog having plenty of room to run. If the question is asked without a hint of a correct answer, it can be an eye opener.)
11. To your knowledge, do all family members agree about fostering/adopting an Aussie?

### For ALL Applications:

**GENERAL:** Please provide any general comments you may have in relation to the applicant and their wish to become involved with Aussie Rescue.