**Matchmaking Conversations Made Easy (supplement)**

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| **How would you make sure . . .** | **How would you react / What would you do if . . .** | **How would you get him / her . . .** | **What’s been your experience with . . .** | **How would you feel if . . .** | **How do you feel about . . .** | **Would you like more information about . . .** |
| His energy needs are met? | He did pee on your rug? | To not jump on you? | Introducing cats? | The two cats didn’t become best friends? | The dog not being housetrained? | How to find a dog trainer? |
| The two cats don’t interact right away? | The two cats didn’t get along right away? | To not take food from the counter? | Raising a puppy? | The cat didn’t use a covered litter box? | Having a cat who may not have a long life expectancy? | How to trim a cat’s nails? |
| She doesn’t get out the window? | The cat scratched your furniture? | To sit? | Giving medication? | The cat never became a lap cat? | A dog who may have expensive vet bills throughout his life? | How to read cat body language? |
| He doesn’t run out the front door? | The cat didn’t use the litter box? | To walk well on a leash? | Housetraining a dog?  Crate training? | The dog couldn’t be brought to a dog park? | Having to pay each month for expensive cat food, 3-4 X more expensive than most pet food? | How to safely introduce your child to a dog? |
| The dog doesn’t jump on your toddler? | The dog wasn’t housetrained? | To learn to use the bathroom outside? | Trimming a cat’s nails? | The dog did bark sometimes when you weren’t home? | Having to give the dog three long walks every day, even in the cold? | How to teach basic manners? |
| The cat the dog doesn’t get into the garbage? | The dog didn’t get along with your mom’s dog? | To go into the crate? | Fearful dogs/cats?  High energy dogs?  Large dogs? | The kitten was really active at night? | Having a cat who may take a while to get comfortable in the home? | The best type of cat/dog toys? |

**And if you are yessed or given too brief an answer . . .**

* Why do you feel that way?
* That’s interesting, can you tell me more about that?
* We want to make sure you are comfortable and, ultimately, happy with the animal you are adopting. Can you tell me a little more about your thoughts on this topic?
* I want to make sure you are really comfortable with this adoption. What else comes to mind when you think about . . .
* Can you describe what this (scenario, incident, obligation) would look like in your home? Help me visualize it.