



**NorCal Sheltie Rescue**

*Please circle whether you want to adopt or foster:*

**Adoption & Foster Home Application**

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 web: [www.norcalsheltierescue.org](http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org) E-mail this application to: NorCal Sheltie Rescue at the e-mail address above or print this application, fill it out, then snail mail to Sheltie Rescue at the above P. O. box address. *Please note that we have the right to refuse any applicant. Are you aware of the fees that our rescue organization charges?*

This money is used to help save the lives of Shelties in need. Please give generously. Recommended donations are:

**Under 3 years old -- \$400-\$450 ♥ 3 – 9 years old -- \$350 ♥ 10+ years old -- \$150 (varies)**

*All donations/fees collected are used exclusively for the care of rescued Shelties.*

**Personal Information**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phones: Home ( )

Work ( )

Cell ( )

Employer:

May we call you at work?

E-mail address:

Do you check your e-mail everyday?

Name of dog(s) you are applying for?

Have you submitted an application with any other rescue group?

Why do you want to adopt a rescue sheltie?

**Your Preferences**

Do you have the time and or patience to houstrain a dog, if it is not already trained?

Would you be willing to take a "special needs" (scared, shy, handicapped, or needs medication) dog?

Would you be willing to work with a "behavior problem" dog?

Do you have an age preference?

Would you be willing to take an older dog? Up to what age?

Do you have a color preference?

Do you have a size preference?

Do you have a sex preference?

Will you take the opposite sex?

Do you have a personality preference, e.g., couch potato, Frisbee dog, jogging partner, quiet companion, senior, etc.)

Explain:

Please put the following in order of importance to you: 1 being the most important, 11 the least:

I want my new Sheltie to:

\_\_\_\_\_ play with my other dog

\_\_\_\_\_ play with my children

\_\_\_\_\_ go walking or running with me

\_\_\_\_\_ be affectionate and cuddly

\_\_\_\_\_ be a good watch dog

\_\_\_\_\_ become a performance dog

\_\_\_\_\_ be very laid back and calm

\_\_\_\_\_ go for car rides

\_\_\_\_\_ be totally houstrained

\_\_\_\_\_ not be shy with strangers

\_\_\_\_\_ have lots of energy and exuberance

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sheltie Habits**

Have you ever owned a Sheltie before?

Are you aware of all a Shelties needs and habits? (i.e. regular grooming, exercise)

Are you aware that Shelties are "barkers?" (doorbell, phone, UPS man, mailman, strangers, etc.)

Are you aware that a Sheltie is a longhaired, double-coated breed, one that will shed?

Are you aware that Shelties may be somewhat shy around new people, and may take awhile for bonding to take place?

Are you also aware that because of their reserved nature, Shelties are a high runaway risk during the first month or more?

**Your Current and/or Previous Pets**

Please tell us about your past and present pets; (continue on back or use another page if needed)

Type Breed?                      Sex?                      Fixed?                      Age?                      What happened to pet(s)?  
(Dog/Cat/Bird, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

If any of your present or past pets were **not** spayed or neutered, please explain why:  
Will you agree to keep all of your current pets and your new Sheltie up to date on all shots?  
On heart worm prevention medication?                      What brand?  
On flea prevention medication?                      What brand?  
Licensed in your county?  
What dog food do you plan on feeding your new Sheltie?  
Name, address and phone number of your Vet:

Please check one: My Vet may \_\_\_ or may not \_\_\_ be used as a reference. If not, why not?

How often do/did your dogs get groomed?  
Who is your groomer?                      Groomer Phone: (    )

**Your Home**

Who lives in your home?  
What are their ages? **Important** - List the ages of every person living (even part-time) in your home. Include the ages of frequent visitors if they are minors and how often they visit.  
What is the speed limit of the road you live on?  
Do you live in a: (underline/circle one) House Apartment Duplex Condo Mobile Home  
If Other, please explain:

Do you own or rent?  
How long have you lived there?  
If renting, does the landlord allow pets?                      Landlord's Name & Phone:  
Do you have a yard for the dog to use?  
Is it securely fenced, with no holes or gaps, on all sides so that a small animal could not escape?  
Describe the material and height of your fence?

\*\* If you do **not** have a fence. . . please complete this section:  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will walk it on leash    \_\_\_\_\_ I plan on training this dog to stay in my yard  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have a "tie-out" trolley or stake. \_\_\_\_\_ Other explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you allow this dog to run and get exercise?  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will walk it on a leash for \_\_\_\_\_ miles every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will take it to a large park or field nearby. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a large yard the dog can run in.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does a door from your house open directly into the fenced yard?  
How will your dog access the area for relieving himself?

Do you have a swimming pool?                      Is it in-ground or above-ground?                      Is it fenced in?  
How tall is the fencing?                      What kind of fencing is it?

Does your home have any steps and/or stairs? If so, please describe.

Are you planning a move in the foreseeable future?

If you were to move, would you insist on a new house having a fenced yard?

IF you were to move, what would happen to this dog?

I would give the dog back to Sheltie Rescue     I would take the dog with us no matter what  
 I would try and find the dog a home     Depends on circumstances

**Daily Schedule**

Do all adults in the home work away from home?

Will any adults be home during the day with the dog?

Specifically, how many hours will this dog be home alone daily?

Where will this dog stay while home alone?

loose in house     crate     outside     basement     X-pen  
 outdoor dog kennel     kitchen     other – explain:

Please check all that apply in your home:

Busy household - visits by friends, children, parties  
 Noisy - TV, stereo, machinery, tools, children playing  
 Moderate - normal comings and goings     Quiet - "homebodies" few guests, stay home a lot.  
 Lots of children in the neighborhood     Live on busy street or highway

Where will this dog spend most of its time?

outside     inside     outside and in garage  
 outside during the day and inside at night

Are dogs allowed in all rooms in your home? Explain:

Where will the dog sleep at night?

Are dogs allowed on your furniture?

**Financial Commitment**

Are you aware of the financial responsibilities of dog ownership, including vet care, medications, food, licensing, shots, grooming...etc? AKC reports it costs over \$1000 per year to properly care for a dog, will this fit into your budget? Will you agree to use only a premium, quality dog food for your sheltie?

**Long Term Commitment**

If your Sheltie were to get loose and run away, would you be prepared to spend money for posters, ads in newspapers, and rewards, to find it. Would you go to these lengths?

Check any of the following circumstances that would cause you to give this dog back to us? (Check all that may apply)

a new job (working more, longer hours)     kids getting busy, no time for  
 divorce     moving to a new house     new baby     if the dog needed expensive vet care  
 bad habits (potty accidents, chewing, destruction)     if it bit someone  
 other -- Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that the process of becoming approved *may* involve someone from rescue coming out meet with you and do a home check? How are you planning on getting this dog to you? (We don't ship dogs.)

All of the answers I have given are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if any of my answers are shown to be false at a later time, that the adoption contract will become null and void, and I will immediately return the dog to the NorCal Sheltie Rescue.

**Signature**

Date

(Note: If you apply electronically, your submission of your application will be considered as to represent your signature and you may be asked to sign a hard copy at a later date.)

**Please be sure all questions are answered. Incomplete applications are not accepted.**

*Note that we reserve the right to refuse any applicant. 11/07*

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