



# Dallas/Fort Worth Sheltie Rescue

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Please answer each question in full. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please answer each question as honestly as you can, as matching you with the right dog is very important to us!

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### 1) Personal Information

I have read the "[Adoption Information](#)" Page Yes  No

Name:

Address:

City

State

Zip

Phones: Home

Cell:

work:

2<sup>nd</sup> address, summer home etc

Address:

City

State

Zip

E-mail address:

Do you check e-mail every day? Yes  No

Employer Name:

Address:

City

State

Zip

Work phone:

Length of time at this job:

May we call you at work? yes  no

Your date of birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)

\*\*Name of dog(s) you are applying for?

Have you recently submitted an application with any other rescue group? Yes  No

What group? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us which statement describes you best:

- I want to adopt a Sheltie that has special needs. I really enjoy helping the needy dogs.
- I want to save a Sheltie's life by adopting a Sheltie that no one else may want.
- I am only interested in adopting a young, healthy, well-mannered Sheltie.
- I will adopt the Sheltie that needs me the most.

Why do you want to adopt a rescue sheltie?

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## 2) Sheltie Habits

Have you ever owned a Sheltie before? Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of all a Shelties needs and habits? Yes  No

Are you aware that Shelties are "barkers"? (doorbell, UPS man, mailman, strangers etc etc) Yes  No

Are you aware that a Sheltie is a longhaired, double-coated breed, that WILL SHED? Yes  No

Are you aware that Shelties may be somewhat shy around new people, and may take awhile to bond with?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Are you aware that because of their shyness, Shelties are a high runaway risk during the first month?  
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## 3) Your Home

Who lives in your home? (ie: mom/dad/3 kids) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list ages of every person living in, or frequently a guest in your home:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you EVER have small children in your home or yard? Yes  No

How Often (specifically)? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that most Shelties are NOT good with small children? Yes  No

Do you live in a: (check one) House  Apartment  Condo  Trailer

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own  or rent

If renting, does the landlord allow pets? Yes  No

Landords name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the speed limit of the road you live on? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning a move in the foreseeable future? \_\_\_\_\_

IF you were to move, what would happen to this dog? Check all that apply.

I would give the dog back to DFWSR

We would take the dog with us no matter what

We would try and find the dog a home

Depends on circumstances: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a lot of stairs in your home this dog will need to use? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the exit from your house into the backyard involve using stairs?

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog be allowed to play and eliminate/potty ? Front yard  Back yard  Both

Which yard is fenced? ? Front yard  Back yard  Both  No fence

Is your yard securely fenced, with no holes or gaps, on all sides, so that a small animal could not escape? Yes  No

What type of fenced area do you have for the dog to play and potty in.

- Average sized back yard, all is fenced
- A section of our yard is fenced for the dog How large approx? \_\_\_\_\_
- A good sized dog kennel attached to house (12x12) (12x6)
- A good sized dog kennel NOT attached to the house
- A good sized dog kennel with a dog house

Describe the material and height of your fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Does a door from your house open directly into the fenced yard? Yes  No

If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to move, would you insist on a new house having a fenced yard? Yes  No

**\*\* If you don't have a fence.....complete this section:**

How will this dog be allowed to relieve itself daily?

- 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 have a large yard the dog can run in.
- There is a large park or field nearby.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a dog door? Yes  No

If "yes," where is the doggie door? ( from house to yard, from garage to yard, etc.)

Does the dog door lead to a securely fenced area? Yes  No

Do you have a pool? Yes  No   Above ground or  in-ground?

Is it fenced separately from the yard? Yes  No

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#### **4) Your Pets (past and present)**

Please tell us about ALL your past and present pets.

Breed? - Sex? - Fixed? - Dates owned - What happened to pet?

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If any of your present or past pets were not spayed or neutered, please explain why?

**During your adult life, have you.....**

Given away/ sold /or rehomed a pet? List all. Yes  No

If "yes," what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Had a pet stolen? Yes  No

If "yes," what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Had a pet poisoned? Yes  No

If "yes," what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Had a pet hit by a vehicle? Yes  No

If "yes," what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Had a pet die due to disease ? Yes  No

If "yes," what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are your current or past pets?**

Up to date on all shots? Yes  No

On heartworm prevention medication? Yes  No  What brand? \_\_\_\_\_

On flea prevention medication? Yes  No  What brand? \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and phone number of your Vet:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: My vet *may*  or *may not*  be used as a reference.

How often do your current dogs get groomed? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your groomer? \_\_\_\_\_

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**5) Your Dog Care Knowledge**

What are heartworms? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that Shelties (as a breed) have high maintenance teeth and will need dental cleanings by your vet frequently? (possibly yearly) Yes  No

What symptoms would you likely notice if your dog had a decayed or infected tooth?

\_\_\_\_\_

What symptoms would you likely see if your dog had worms?

\_\_\_\_\_

What symptoms would you likely notice if your dog had an ear infection?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is one of the first signs of illness in a dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a gut feeling that something is wrong with your dog, but your Vet doesn't seem concerned what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **6) Daily Schedule**

Do all adults in the house work away from home? Yes  No

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

Where will this dog stay while home alone?

loose in house

crate

X-en

outside (in fenced yard w/ doghouse)

garage with access to fenced yard

kitchen

basement

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

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

Are dogs allowed in all rooms of your home? Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night? : \_\_\_\_\_

Are dogs allowed on your furniture? Yes  No  Some furniture

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## **7) Your preferences**

Do you have the time and or patience to housetrain a dog, if it is not already trained? Yes  No

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?

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take an older dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

Up to what age? : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a color preference? : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a sex preference? : \_\_\_\_\_

Will you take the opposite sex? : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an age preference? : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a size preference? : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a personality preference? (ie...Couch potato, Frisbee dog, jogging partner, quiet companion, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please put the following in order of importance to you: 1 is most important 10 is least important

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 (agility or flyball)

\_\_\_\_\_ be trained and shown in obedience

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ be totally housetrained

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

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

Is there any quality in a Sheltie that you do NOT want ???

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## **8) Your Commitment Level**

Are you aware of the financial responsibilities of dog ownership....(vet care, medications, food, licensing, shots, grooming...etc?) Yes  No

AKC reports it costs on average \$1000 per year to properly care for a dog, will this fit into your budget? Yes  No

Are you aware that any surgery for your pet can run over \$1000 dollars? Yes  No

Are you aware of the benefits of using a premium quality dog food for your sheltie ? Yes  No

IF your Sheltie were to get loose and run away, because this breed is so shy..... it could take \$1000's of dollars in posters, ads in newspapers, and rewards, to find it. Were you aware of this, and would you go to these lengths? Yes  No

Are you aware that ALL dogs, just like people, WILL **sometime** in their life need surgery, blood tests, medications and other medical procedures that can be costly ? Yes  No

Is there any reason that you would not choose to give expensive care to your dog if it needed it??

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a new job (working more, longer hours)             | <input type="checkbox"/> divorce                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> kids getting busy, no time for the dog             | <input type="checkbox"/> moving to a new house                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> new baby   | <input type="checkbox"/> if the dog needed expensive vet care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bad habits (potty accidents, chewing, destruction) | <input type="checkbox"/> if it bit someone                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain) _____                       |   |

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## 9) Fee's

Are you aware of the fees that our rescue organization charges? Yes  No

- Puppies up to 1 year old..... donation \$ 275
  - Adults 1-9..... donation \$ 250
  - Senior Adults 10+..... donation \$ 150
- (We reserve the right to make adjustments in the case of special circumstances.)

**Your adoption fee allows us to provide these services to dogs in our program as needed:**

- **Spay or neuter (even on puppies)**
- **One year rabies shot**
- **DH2PP (Distemper/Parvo combo shot)**
- **Bordetella (Intranasal Kennel Cough Prevention)**
- **Heartworm Test (and treatment if positive)**
- **Heartworm Prevention**
- **Flea prevention treatment**
- **Wormed**
- **Groomed**
- **Dental cleaning**
- **Treatment of any medical issue**
- **Blood workup if indicated.**
- **A medical history record comes with each dog.**

Are you aware and do you agree for us to periodically check on the dog? Yes  No

By signing below, I am attesting that I completed this application and that the information in it is true and complete. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that any misstatement, omission, falsification, or misrepresentation in this application may disqualify me from adopting a rescue dog or result in the termination of an Adoption Agreement if one is signed.

I have read and understand the Dallas/Ft. Worth Sheltie Rescue, Inc. Adoption Information and Application, including the (a) Points to Remember and (b) Summary of Adoption Terms and Conditions. If I am approved to adopt a rescue dog, I agree to sign an Adoption Agreement and to abide by all of the terms and conditions contained in the agreement.

I understand that the use of this application form does not indicate that a rescue dog that matches me or my family is currently in the rescue program and in no way obligates Dallas/Ft. Worth Sheltie Rescue, Inc. ("DFW Sheltie Rescue"), to place a rescue dog with me. I also understand that DFW Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to refuse any application. I am 18 years of age or older. I have read and fully understand the above statements and conditions of adoption.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for considering a dog from DFW Sheltie Rescue. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance, call us at 972.994.7848.

Please return by mail or fax to:

**Dallas/Ft. Worth Sheltie Rescue**  
**P.O. Box 251**  
**Merit, TX 75458**  
**903-776-2541**

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**DFW Sheltie Rescue Official Use Only:**

**Approved**      **Not Approved**

**Rescue Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Adopted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_