

Minnesota Sheltie Rescue Adoption Application

www.mnsheltierescue.org

For the safety and well-being of the rescue Sheltie, and to determine the best match between Sheltie and family, anyone interested in adopting a sheltie from MNSR must fill out an application and be approved for adoption. The approval process includes this application, references and a home visit. We greatly appreciate your patience, as we are an all-volunteer organization. For optimal rehabilitation, all of our Shelties are fostered in private homes and we do not operate a shelter. Meetings with available Shelties are arranged once an applicant is approved for adoption.

Adoption fees are set based on the dog's age:

Under 4 years \$350 4-8 years \$250 9 years & up \$150

The cost of veterinary care exceeds the adoption fee in most cases. Donations in addition to the adoption fee are welcome and much appreciated.

Minnesota Sheltie Rescue requires that any dog adopted from us must be returned to us in the event the owner is unable to care for the dog.

All animals placed by MNSR are spayed or neutered prior to placement. Responsible pet owners spay/neuter their pets.

Many of the shelties needing new homes may not be comfortable with, or suitable for, young children. Therefore, we rarely have shelties available that would be a good match to families with children under 8-10 years old. If that is your case, you are welcome to submit an adoption application, and we will keep it on file in the event that a compatible dog comes in. We can also provide resources on locating a reputable Sheltie breeder.

We reserve the right to refuse any application as well as the right not to explain our reasons for doing so. We will only consider a distance placement for certain dogs, at our discretion, and such placements generally require unique circumstances. Additional requirements apply. Applicants should apply to Sheltie rescues closest to where they live when possible. Preference is given to families within one day roundtrip driving of Minneapolis or Fargo.

To apply to Minnesota Sheltie Rescue for an adoption: Fill out the application below completely and mail to this address:

Minnesota Sheltie Rescue

PO Box 395, Circle Pines, MN 55014-9998

phone: 612-616-7477 email: info@mnsheltierescue.org

www.mnsheltierescue.org

Name(s): _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long at this address? _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Do you ? (circle one) Own Rent Other _____

If renting or townhome assoc., name & phone of landlord/assoc. _____

Email Address: _____

Do you check your email every day? _____

How did you hear of Minnesota Sheltie Rescue? _____

Have you submitted an application with any other groups (please list)? _____

List name, breed, age of all current pets in your household & indicate if they are spayed/neutered:

Which other pets (name, breed, age) have you owned in the last 10 years & what happened to each of them?
(If deceased, please explain circumstances and indicate the year the animal passed):

Veterinarian name & phone number: _____

(Providing this information authorizes an MNSR representative to call the clinic, and authorizes the clinic to release information to MNSR about your current and past pets. Please also contact your veterinary clinic directly to authorize the release of information to MNSR).

Are/were your pets current on vaccinations? _____ On heartworm preventative? _____

Are/were your pets spayed/neutered? _____

If no to the above question(s), please explain _____

Please list two references who know your love of animals:

1. _____ Phone (day/evening) _____

2. _____ Phone (day/evening) _____

Do you have a secure wood or chain link fenced yard (describe fence type and height)? _____

Shelties are a high flight risk breed. They are very difficult to find and catch once they are lost. Most of the rescue Shelties need a physical wood or chain link fence for their safety and well-being. Due to flight risk, an invisible fence or "e-fence" will not contain many Shelties nor protect them from outside harm, and in general, a home with an invisible fence will be considered the same as a home with no fence. We occasionally adopt to homes without a physical fence when we have a suitable match, but please be aware that there will be a longer wait for meeting a Sheltie, and we require the adopter to use a leash or lead at all times for the lifetime of the Sheltie wherever a physical chain or wood fence does not exist. Priority is given to homes that have a secure physical fence.

If no fence, how do you plan to keep your dog safe & exercise your dog? _____

How many hours per day are you away from home? _____

(This information is useful in determining an appropriate match between dog and family. We expect that the adopter may be away from home for a reasonable time during the day.)

Where will the dog be while you are away from home? _____

How will the dog be able to relieve itself when you have an extended day away from home (10+ hrs.)? _____

Are you familiar with crate training, and are you comfortable with this training method? _____ If not, how will you keep the dog safe when you are away from home and prevent housetraining lapses until trusted? _____

Where will the dog spend most of its time when you are home? _____

Ages of children in the home or visiting frequently _____

Names (1st & last) of adults (over 18) in household _____

Is there a specific Sheltie you hope to meet? _____

The Sheltie bios on our website explain the type of home that is appropriate for each Sheltie, and indicate if a fence is required, and whether the Sheltie can be placed with children, dogs or cats. Please note that we cannot guarantee the availability of the Shelties in our program, and that our priority is to meet the needs of the Shelties in our care.

What are you looking for in a Sheltie?

Age (range) _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Physical Qualities _____

Personality Qualities _____

Rescue Shelties often have special circumstances (health, temperament, behavior, etc.).

Will you consider a Sheltie with health needs (if so, which ones)? _____

Behavioral needs (if so, which ones)? _____

Which behaviors would exclude a Sheltie from your consideration? _____

Would you consider fostering a Sheltie? ____ Yes ____ No ____ I would like more information

Which circumstance(s) might cause you to return the dog to rescue (e.g. housetraining lapses, no time, moving, divorce, allergies, new baby, expensive vet care, running away, destruction, barking etc.)? _____

(We are here to help & support you with any challenges with your rescue Sheltie. MNSR requires that any dog adopted from us must be returned to us if the adopter is no longer able to care for the dog. We will take back any dog adopted from us at any point in the dog's life.)

Do you plan to take your Sheltie to training? Where? _____
(MNSR can help you find training resources for your Sheltie.)

Which training methods do you plan to use or have you used in the past? _____

Are you familiar with a Sheltie's herding instinct (chase/nip at heels)? ____yes ____I would like more information

Are you familiar with a Sheltie's grooming requirements? ____yes ____I would like more information

Are you familiar with a Sheltie's flight risk? ____yes ____I would like more information

Are you aware that Shelties are a vocal breed? ____yes ____I would like more information

The ASPCA estimates the cost for caring for a dog at a minimum of \$400-\$700 annually. This cost may increase as your Sheltie ages or if health issues arise. Are you able to meet this financial commitment? _____

Have you ever adopted from a shelter, humane society or rescue group (please list)? _____

Please note that a home visit/tour is part of the approval process. If you live outside the Twin Cities metro area, it may take us longer to arrange for your home visit. If approved, you will be required to drive to the foster home to meet MNSR Shelties. Most Shelties are fostered in the Twin Cities, or the bio will indicate the Sheltie's location if fostered outside of the Twin Cities. Only certain Shelties will be considered for distance adoptions, at our discretion, and only in special circumstances. Applicants should apply to Sheltie rescues closest to where they live when possible. We reserve the right to refuse any application, as well as our right not to explain our reason(s) for doing so.

By signing below, I am attesting that I completed this application, and that the information I have provided on this application is true and complete. I understand that any misstatement, omission, falsification, or misrepresentation in this application may delay the process, and/or may disqualify me from adopting a rescue dog, and/or may result in the termination of an Adoption Agreement if one is signed. I am 18 years of age or older. I have read and fully understand the above statements and conditions of adoption.

Signature(s) of applicant(s) _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in helping a Sheltie in need! We will contact you when your application is received.