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):
_______________________________________________________________
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_______________________________________________________________

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)? 

Are you familiar with a Sheltie’s grooming requirements?

Are you familiar with a Sheltie’s flight risk?

Are you aware that Shelties are a vocal breed?

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.