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## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Applicant's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a sheltie before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with the needs of a rescue sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

If your sheltie develops behavioral issues, such as barking, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other animals? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List type, age, sex and whether spayed/neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to your last dog? \_\_\_\_\_

During the last two years:

Have you lost a pet (not through death)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever had one poisoned? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you had an animal killed by a vehicle? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had an animal die due to disease? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, what was the cause of death? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in a particular sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose do you want this sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children at home? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Number of children: \_\_\_\_ Name(s) & Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will children be regular visitors to your home? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Number of children: \_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a: House \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ or Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you own \_\_\_\_\_ or rent \_\_\_\_\_ your home?

If you rent, do you have your landlord(s) permission to keep a dog? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

\*\*\*If yes, please attach a letter from your landlord or a copy of your lease allowing dogs.\*\*\*

If you live in a Condominium does your Association allow dogs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

\*\*\*If yes, please attach a copy of your Associations covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs)/ rules and regulations about allowing dogs.\*\*\*

Do you have a yard? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Is it fenced? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to install a fence if the sheltie needs one? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do all family adults work? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Is someone home during the day? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

How long will the sheltie be alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

What provisions will be made for your sheltie if nobody is home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to keep this sheltie primarily indoors or outdoors? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will he/she sleep? \_\_\_\_\_ please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to exercise the sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What type of training will you do with this sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take the sheltie to an obedience trainer? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you have the time/patience to housetrain a sheltie if it is not fully housetrained? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to consider a sheltie that has?

Special needs? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ i.e. deaf, blind, mobility impaired and if so what type of need?

Behavioral issues? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ i.e. aggression, barking, chewing, and shyness?

Do you have a sex preference? No\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_

Would you consider the opposite sex? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Would you consider an older dog? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Up to what age? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a color preference? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

First Color Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Color Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

What size sheltie do you prefer (note: shelties are considered a medium sized breed)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are other members of your household aware that you are considering adopting a pet? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to assume the financial responsibilities of caring for an animal, including?

Inoculations? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian care? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

High quality dog food? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Licensing? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on moving in the near future? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your house allergic to animals, specifically dogs? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with the animal control regulations in your area? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Are there any special regulations in your area that we should be aware of (# of dogs limit, noise ordinance, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this sheltie going to be a gift for someone else? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ For whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Do they know they are getting the gift? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for a rescue dog through any other group(s)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If yes, which one (please list all)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that any rescue sheltie that you may adopt through ***Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*** will be spayed/neutered? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

What circumstances, in your mind, would justify getting rid of a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to allow a Rescue Volunteer to visit your home by appointment? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about *Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*, word of mouth, internet, other? If it was by “word of mouth”, please tell us who it was you spoke with, and if it is “other” please explain.

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**\*\*\*\*\*Required Information that needs to be included with your application (If ANY of the information below IS NOT provided your application is considered incomplete and will not be considered for approval until provided.) If the information is not received by us within 10 days of receipt of application your application will be DENIED and filed away. You will not be considered an approved home and will not be considered to adopt available dogs.\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Include picture(s) of the front of your home; taken from the road, the back of your home, and pictures of the rooms the sheltie will be spending the majority of his/her time. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*If you rent, include a letter from your landlord or a copy of your lease allowing dogs, including the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations of allowing dogs.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*If you live in a condo, include a copy of your Associations covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs)/ rules and regulations about allowing dogs.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Name of your Veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian's Phone No.:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Please include a letter of reference from your veterinarian stating that your animals are all up to date on shots and in good health. If the animals are not in good health, please explain why (health condition, etc.). \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Please list two references with complete addresses and phone numbers:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to the following fee schedule for adopting a sheltie? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Up to 2 years old	\$450
3 years to 7 years	\$300
8 years and over	\$275
Senior dog to senior human (65+)	\$150

**I am/we are in full agreement with *Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*'s "Terms of Adoption" (attached). By signing below, I am/we are attesting to the truthfulness of my/our answers.**

**I/we understand that falsification of any of the above information will be grounds to disallow the adoption of a rescue sheltie.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign this application. Thank you for considering a dog from *Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*. If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please return this application along with the required documents and photos to:

**Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine**

**356 Mountain Rd.**

**Arundel, Maine 04046-8324**

Upon receipt of this application we will match it against available dogs to determine if we have any suitable Shelties for your household. If a Sheltie is available that meets your needs, and we feel it will be a good fit with your household, we will discuss the Sheltie with you. If you are interested in the Sheltie, we will arrange a meeting with other household members and pets. If after meeting the Sheltie you and our representative believe that the Sheltie is a good fit, you will sign an adoption contract and the Sheltie will go home with you, on a 2-week trial period. We will follow-up with you to ensure that any initial questions are answered and the adoption is going well. If everything goes well, then the adoption is considered finalized at the end of 2 weeks. Should things not go well at any time, you can return the dog to us, we will refund your adoption fees during that 2-week period only. Should you decide after the 2 weeks that you do not wish to keep the dog, adoption fees are not refunded. THE DOG MUST BE RETURNED TO *SRofSME*. If you have any questions about our adoption process or the application please email [sheltierescueofsouthernme@gmail.com](mailto:sheltierescueofsouthernme@gmail.com) and one of our representatives will get back to you.

**Sheltie Rescue Official Use Only**

Approved \_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_

Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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Rescue Dog # \_\_\_\_\_

Dog adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms of Adoption

1. **Return:** The adopted dog may be returned to ***SRofSME*** within two weeks of the date of adoption for full refund if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. After two weeks from the above date, no refund will be given, even if the dog is returned to ***SRofSME***.
2. **Transfer of Ownership:** The adopted dog may not be transferred to any other person for any reason. If the undersigned is forced to relinquish custody of the dog at any time, said dog will only be relinquished back to ***SRofSME***.
3. **Refund:** There will be no refund or reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the adopter for the adopted dog, even if it is returned to ***SRofSME***.
4. **Health Program:** The adopted dog will be cared for humanely, including adequate food, shelter, water, and veterinary care and will be licensed in accordance with the laws in the jurisdiction in which he resides. The dog is to be exercised in a fenced yard or on a leash.
5. **Reason for Adoption:** The adopted dog is to be kept as a house pet; it shall not be used for medical or any other experimental purposes; it shall not be chained or tied, and it shall not be used for breeding.
6. **Loss:** If the adopted dog is lost or stolen, the adopter will notify ***SRofSME*** within twenty-four (24) hours.
7. **Reservation of Rights:** ***Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*** reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that ***SRofSME*** may examine and make inquiries about said dog at any time. If the terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement are not upheld, ***SRofSME*** reserves the right to terminate the Agreement and to reclaim the dog. And will do so under the Welfare laws of the State of Maine.
8. **Guarantees or Representations:** I/we understand that ***SRofSME*** has made “NO” guarantees, promises or representations concerning the temperament of this Sheltie or it’s fitness as a pet or for any other purposes.
9. **Damages:** Further, I/we understand that neither ***SRofSME*** nor any individual member will be held responsible for any problems or injuries caused by this Sheltie.
10. **Indemnity and Release:** If any action or failure to act on the part of the Adopter(s) shall result in any claim, suit, loss, damage, injury, death or liability, the Adopter(s) agree to defend, indemnify and hold ***SRofSME*** harmless and pay all costs and expenses, including legal fees, any settlement, award or judgement with respect thereto. Adopter(s) release ***SRofSME*** from any and all liability of costs or damages caused by the dog after placement with the Adopter(s) including but not limited to damage to or destruction of property and or injury to any person.
11. **Return Check Charge:** There will be a \$35.00 charge on all returned checks.

### Other Points to Remember

- **Fees:** The only fee involved is to cover our expenses. Some of these dogs require extra medical care or special rehabilitation which will entail much greater expense. We do not require, but would appreciate any extra donation to help cover these expenses. The adoption fees will be as follows.
  1. Up to age 2: \$450.00
  2. 3 yrs. to 7 yrs.: \$300.00
  3. 8 yrs. and over: \$275.00
  4. A Senior dog to a senior human (65+) \$150.00
- **Spaying/Neutering:** Some Shelties relinquished to us have already been altered; however, some will be in need of the altering operation. It is a requirement that all Shelties placed for adoption by ***SRofSME*** are to be spayed or neutered.
- **Contracts:** All adopters of rescue dogs will be asked to sign an Adoption Agreement. This contract is legal and binding. **PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**
- **Miscellaneous:** We recommend you follow a regular inoculation program established by your veterinarian to guarantee your dog stays healthy. You will receive a complete medical history on your sheltie, as best as can be determined or documented. You must also have the dog licensed in accordance with the laws where you live. Since we do not know you personally, the information for the Adoption Request Questionnaire (which is requested of anyone seeking a rescue sheltie) will help us to match up the right kind of sheltie for your family. We place our shelties only in good, loving homes, and we screen prospective adopters thoroughly.

**IMPORTANT:** ***Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine*** reserves the right to refuse any application.