



# Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. 501(c) (3)

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Where will he/she sleep? \_\_\_\_\_ please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How do you plan to exercise the sheltie? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to consider a sheltie that has:

Special needs? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Behavioral issues? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

Would you consider the opposite sex? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Would you consider a bonded-pair \_\_\_

Would you consider an older dog? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this sheltie going to be a gift? 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? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that any rescue sheltie that you may adopt through Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. will be spayed/neutered? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

What circumstances, in your mind, would justify parting with a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

How did you hear about Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc.? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list two references with complete addresses:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Please attach picture(s) of the front of your house, taken from the road, the back of your home, and pictures of the rooms the sheltie will spend the majority of his/her time.*

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

Up to 3 years old	\$500
3 years to 7 years	\$400
8 years and over	\$300
Senior dog to senior human (65+)	\$200

**I am in full agreement with the Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. "Terms of Adoption" (attached). By signing below, I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers.**

**I 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 **Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc.** 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:

**Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc.**  
Holly Fent  
66 Caleb Street  
Portland, Maine 04102  
mainesheltierescue@gmail.com

**Sheltie Rescue Official Use Only**

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

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

Comments:

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

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

## Terms of Adoption

1. **Return:** The adopted dog may be returned to Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. within two weeks of the date of adoption for a full refund if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. After two weeks for the above date, no refund will be given.
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 be relinquished only to Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc.
3. **Refund:** There will be no refund or reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the adopter for the adopted dog, even in the event it is returned to Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc.
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 within 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 purpose; 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 Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. IMMEDIATELY. Our staff has the necessary experience and knowledge in dealing with these types of situations should they arise.
7. **Reservation of Rights:** Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. may examine and make inquiries about said dog at any time. If the terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement are not upheld, Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to terminate the agreement and to reclaim the dog.
8. **Return Check Charge:** There will be a \$25.00 charge on all returned checks submitted by an adopter.

### 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 an extra donation to help cover these expenses. The adoption fees will be as follows.
  1. Up to age 2: \$500.00
  2. 3 yrs to 7 yrs: \$400.00
  3. 8 yrs and over: \$300.00
  4. A Senior dog to a senior human (65+) \$200.00
- **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 Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. 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: Maine Sheltie Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application.**