

Minnesota Sheltie Rescue Foster Home Application
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www.mnsheltierescue.org
info@mnsheltierescue.org

Thank you for your interest in fostering a rescue Sheltie. Anyone interested in fostering a Sheltie for MNSR must fill out an application and be approved for fostering. The approval process includes this application, reference checks and a home visit. The process helps us to determine the best possible fit for the foster Sheltie and the foster family.

As a foster family, we will ask you to build trust with the Sheltie, do basic in-home training, and evaluate the Sheltie's personality and behavior in a variety of situations to determine a suitable forever home. MNSR provides vet care, and food for your foster Sheltie will be provided if you wish.

MNSR will discuss with you what will work for your home and family in terms of a foster dog, and will provide support and resources during your fostering experience. Although Shelties are sensitive, and changes are stressful for them, if a foster dog is not working out in your home, we will find a different foster home for the Sheltie.

Many of the Shelties needing new homes may not be comfortable with, or suitable for, young children. If you have young children, we will generally only place a foster dog with you that has proven to be comfortable around children.

Shelties are known to be a high flight risk, so we require that our foster homes have a securely fenced yard. With rescue Shelties, we often do not know what may spook them or cause them to give chase, and some rescue Shelties have not had previous experience on a leash.

We reserve the right to refuse any application as well as the right not to explain our reasons for doing so.

To apply to Minnesota Sheltie Rescue for fostering: Fill out the application below 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

If you have any questions about the application, the process or fostering, please contact us at foster@mnsheltierescue.org, or by phone at 612-616-7477.

Name(s): _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long at this address? _____ Cell or 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**:

What pets (name, breed, age) have you owned in the last 10 years & what happened to each of them?

(If deceased, please explain circumstances):

Veterinarian name & phone number: _____

(Providing this information authorizes an MNSR representative to call them, and for your vet to release information to MNSR about your current & past pets. Please also contact your veterinary clinic 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 _____

How do your current pets react to dogs outside of the household? _____

If necessary, are you able to separate a foster dog from your resident pets? _____

What is the amount of hours per day you are away from home? _____

(Please note that it is not unusual for the foster family to be away from home for a reasonable time during the day. This information is useful in determining an appropriate match between dog and family.)

Where will the dog stay during the day if you are away for several hours? _____

Are you willing to crate the foster dog when unattended? ____yes ____no ____I would like more information

Where will the dog spend most of its time? _____

Do you have a fenced yard (describe)? _____

(Shelties are known to be a high flight risk, and are very difficult to find and bring back home once they are lost. Most of the foster Shelties need a physical wood or chainlink fence to keep them safe. An electric containment system will not contain many Shelties.)

Describe the general level of activity of your household _____

Ages of children in the home or visiting frequently _____

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

Have you ever adopted/volunteered/fostered for a shelter, humane society or rescue group (please list)?

If you have fostered, please describe what kind of animal(s) you fostered, for how long, and your reason for no longer fostering with that organization: _____

What training methods do you plan to use or have you used both for basic obedience, and to solve common issues, such as housetraining, jumping, chewing, nipping, barking, etc.? _____

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

Are you familiar with the grooming needs of the Sheltie? ____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

List two references who know your love of animals

1. _____ Phone (day/evening) _____

2. _____ Phone (day/evening) _____

What will you consider in a foster Sheltie:

Age (range) _____ Sex _____ Size _____

Personality Qualities (e.g. active, calm, independent, needs attention, etc.) _____

How long would you be willing to foster a particular dog? _____

Are you willing/able to keep fostering the dog if it becomes ill? _____

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

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

Do you have experience with the above health needs? yes I would like resources
Behavioral needs (if so, which ones)? _____

Do you have experience with the above behavioral needs? yes I would like resources

Which behaviors would exclude a Sheltie from fostering by you (e.g. barking, nipping, reactive on-leash, resource-guarding, shy, fearful/hides, housetraining lapses, chewing, destructiveness, jumping on people, getting on furniture/beds, digging in yard, reactivity to other animals, reactivity to strangers, etc.)? _____

Are you willing to sign a Foster/Volunteer Agreement that requires that you:

a. Accept full responsibility for the dog while in your care, including property damage or physical injury caused by the dog?

yes no

b. Notify Minnesota Sheltie Rescue at least one week in advance of needing the dog placed elsewhere (exception would be an emergency)?

yes no

c. Agree to give up the foster dog to a permanent home when requested by Minnesota Sheltie Rescue?

yes no

d. Agree to not place the foster dog with anyone other than an approved representative of Minnesota Sheltie Rescue?

yes no

e. Agree to notify Minnesota Sheltie Rescue immediately of any concerns or difficulty you may have with the dog?

yes no

f. Are willing to allow screened and approved potential adopters to visit the dog in your home?

yes no

g. Are willing to transport the dog (within reason) to meet screened and approved potential adopters at a location other than your home?

yes no

h. Are willing to provide Minnesota Sheltie Rescue with your evaluation of the dog's behaviors, needs, likes and dislikes?

yes no

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. We reserve the right to refuse any application, as well as our right not to explain our reason(s) for doing so.

I certify that everything on this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I am 18 years of age or older.

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

_____ Date: _____