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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: _____

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____

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Do you have the time/patience to houstrain a sheltie if it is not fully houstrained? _____

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.

*******Required Information (If any questions are unanswered or any information requested on this application is not provided your application is considered incomplete and will not be considered for approval until all information is received by Sheltie Rescue of Southern Maine.) *******

Name of your Veterinarian: _____

Veterinarian’s Phone No.: (____) _____

Please attach 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. (____) _____

Please attach 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 spend the majority of his/her time.

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.
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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 and one of our representatives will get back to you.

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Approved ____ Disapproved ____

Staff Member: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

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.