



Adoption Application

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Instructions: Fill out form on line and email to Barbara A. Bellini at lissr@optonline.net or fax it to 631.751.8028 (please call the same number before faxing)



We appreciate your interest in adopting a sheltie. In order to more accurately determine which of our rescues have the personality and behavior characteristics which will match and adapt more readily to your lifestyle, we have prepared the following required application.

Please be candid – it is to both you and the dogs benefit.
 Feel free to add any comments

Applicant Name(s):			DATE:	
Address:				
Phone: Home:		Work		Cell:
Email Address:			Occupation:	
Veterinarian/Personal References				
Veterinarian			Phone	
Other (please give 2)			Phone	
			Phone	

Have you ever adopted a dog?	Yes	No	If yes, from whom?		
Do you still have the adopted dog?	Yes	No	If not, please explain:		
Is everyone in your household agreeable to adopting a dog?				Yes	No
Is anyone in your home timid or afraid of dogs?				Yes	No

If so, please explain.					
Do you want to adopt a dog as a companion for:					
a. an individual	b. a couple	c. a family companion	d. a child	e. companion for another dog	
Are there children in your household? No,				Yes	No
If yes, please indicate: # Boys:		Ages:	# Girls:	Ages:	
How would you describe their personalities/activity levels?			High	Average	Quiet
Do your child(ren) have experience handling animals?				Yes	No
If yes, please explain					
Do your children (grandchildren) frequently visit your home? No grandchildren				Yes	No
Do other animals frequently visit your home?				Yes	No
If yes, please explain					
Are there older adults sharing your home?				Yes	No
Is anyone in your home allergic to dogs?				Yes	No
If so, please explain:					
Do you own or rent your residence?				Own	Rent
If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord to own a dog? If yes, please list his/her's phone No.					
Is your yard securely fenced?				Yes	No
If yes, what type of fence?		Height at low end: ground		Highest point: approx.	
If your yard is not fenced, do you plan on:					
A. Fencing in all, or part of it				Yes	No
B. walking and exercising your dog on leash				Yes	No
C. installing an electric fence				Yes	No
D. use a trolley or other method				Yes	No
o If D, please explain:					
Do you currently own a dog(s)?				Yes	No
<i>Breed</i>		<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex (indicate if neutered)</i>		
If you have dogs, please tell us a little about them:					
Are any of your current dogs "dog aggressive?"				Yes	No
Please explain:					
Do you have cats?				Yes	No

If yes, have they been exposed to dogs?		Yes	No
Do you have any other pets? Please tell us about them.		Yes	No
As an adult, is this your first dog?		Yes	No
At anytime, have you ever placed or given away a pet?		Yes	No
Name of current pet:		Age:	Sex:
If you adopt a dog from this service, would you consider taking the dog through an obedience beginners class?		Yes	No
Have you ever obedience trained a dog? .		Yes	No
Should you adopt a sheltie, please answer the following:			
a. Who would be the primary care giver?)			
b. Do all adults work full time?		Yes	No
c. How many hours a day would the dog be left alone:	On the average from	am/pm	am/pm
d. When left alone, where would the dog be kept?			
e. While you are home where will the dog be kept?			
f. How much of the time with your dog will be devoted to playing and working with the dog?			
g. As the primary caregiver, does your job require frequent travel?		How often:	How long:
Who would take care of the dog while you are traveling?			
h. Do you intend the dog to have full run of the house?		Yes	No
i. Do you intend the dog to have access to only a couple of rooms?		Yes	No
j. Do you intend it to be primarily an outdoor pet?		Yes	No
When you are on vacation, who will take care of your dog(s):			
Neighbor		Yes	No
Boarding kennel		Yes	No
Your veterinarian		Yes	No
Pet sitter		Yes	No
Other: <i>(Please indicate)</i>		Yes	No

Should you adopt a sheltie, you are aware and fully agree ...			
a. That due to their long coats, they require a though brushing a minimum of once a week		Yes	No
b. That some shelties are very vocal. They will bark at almost anything. Have you considered if this will cause a problem between you and your neighbors? .		Yes	No
c. You will assume the full cost and responsibility of feeding, caring and maintaining a comfortable environment for the dog.		Yes	No
d. Assume the full cost of veterinary care, i.e., agree to take the dog to the veterinarian not only for annual checkups, but as necessary to maintain the health and well-being of the dog?		Yes	No
e. Should you at anytime feel that you can no longer keep the dog, you will contact Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue and we will help you find a temporary or permanent home for your dog. At no time will this dog be left homeless or placed in a shelter.		Yes	No

What made you decide you wanted to adopt a sheltie?		
a. I was raised with a sheltie	Yes	No
b. As an adult, I own a sheltie.	Yes	No
c. I know someone with a sheltie	Yes	No
d. I have researched the different breeds and feel that a sheltie best fits our family's needs.	Yes	No
e. Other: (Please explain) Interested in the size, breed, and temperament etc.		
Please tell us a little about the dog your are looking for....		
a. Knowing we get dogs of various ages, please give us an idea of the age range you would consider:		
Between	and	years
b. Will you accept a dog who has TREATABLE medical problems (i.e., needs medication)?	Yes	No
c. Does it matter if it is male or female?	Yes	No
<i>If yes, which one are you looking for...</i>	Male	Female
d. Color a. Sable and White b. Tri c. Blue Merle -		
There will be a minimum of \$250.00 donation for adopting a sheltie do you agree with this Donation?	Yes	No

Thank you for completing this form. It will help us in determining which of our shelties may fit your lifestyle. We will contact you when one becomes available.

Should you adopt a dog through our services you will be required to sign an adoption agreement.

“TERMS OF ADOPTION”

- **Return:** The adopted dog may be returned to LISS Rescue within one week of the date of adoption for full refund of donation if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. After one week from the date of adoption no refund will be given if the dog is returned to LISS Rescue.
- **Transfer of ownership:** The adopted dog may not be transferred to any other person for any reason. If the undersigned adopter is forced to relinquish custody of the dog at any time, said dog will be given only to LISS Rescue.
- **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 LISS Rescue.
- **Health Program:** The adopted dog will be licensed in accordance with the laws in the jurisdiction in which the dog resides. The adopted dog must wear an Identification tag at all times. The adopted dog will be cared for humanely, including good quality food, shelter and water available 24 hrs. a day. The dog is to be seen by a veterinarian yearly, given all necessary vaccines, checked for heartworm each spring, stool sample checked for worms every six months and seen by the vet when ill. **THE DOG IS TO BE EXERCISED IN A FENCED YARD OR ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES AND NOT FREE TO ROAM.**
- **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.

- Loss: If the adopted dog is lost or stolen, the adopter will notify LISS Rescue immediately, at least within (2) days, so LISSR rescue can help locate the adopted dog.
- Reservation of Rights: Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that LISS Rescue may examine and will make inquiry about said dog at any time. If the terms and conditions of the adoption Agreement are not upheld, LISS Rescue reserves the right to terminate the Agreement and to reclaim the dog.
- Return Check Charge: There will be a \$30.00 charge on all returned checks submitted by the adopter.

I am in full agreement with the Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue Terms of Adoption. 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 and removal of the adopted dog from my home by the Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue.

Date **Applicants Signature**

**Parent or Guardian Signature
(If required)**

NOTE: If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign this application. Thank you for considering a dog from Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

**** We reserve the right to refuse any applicant. ****

Please return Package to: Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue
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Fax: 631.751.8028 Web site: www.lissr.org

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