



## Austin Sheltie Rescue Adoption Application and Terms of Adoption

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### TERMS OF ADOPTION

1. **Care of Our Rescues:** Our dogs are adopted to loving homes who want a Sheltie for the intelligence, charm, and companionship they offer. As rescued Shelties, our dogs have already been through enough heartache in their lives. Dogs adopted from *Austin Sheltie Rescue* will not be used for animal research or experiments, breeding, attack training, or dog fighting; they will not be tied up or chained, confined exclusively outdoors, abused, neglected, given to another owner, or abandoned to the streets. Obedience training will be reward based; shock collars will never be used on our dogs. *Austin Sheltie Rescue* reserves the right to check on the status of our rescued Sheltie and to request updates, removing our rescued Sheltie if we discover these terms are violated by the adopter; there will be no refund of the donation.

2. **Return:** The adopted dog may be returned to *Austin Sheltie Rescue* within two weeks of the date of adoption for full refund of payment if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. We will accept return of our dog at any point in the dog's life; however, after two weeks from the adoption date, no refund will be given.

3. **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 relinquished only to *Austin Sheltie Rescue Inc...*

4. **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 *Austin Sheltie Rescue Inc...*

5. **Health Program:** The adopted dog will be cared for humanely, including adequate food, shelter, water, heartworm preventative, flea medication, vaccinations, and any other necessary 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 and shall NOT BE FREE TO ROAM THE STREETS.

6. **Loss:** If the adopted dog is lost or stolen, the adopter will notify *Austin Sheltie Rescue* immediately so we can use our resources to help locate the dog as soon as possible.

7. **Reservation of Rights:** *Austin Sheltie Rescue* reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that *Austin Sheltie Rescue* may examine and may make inquiry about said dog at any time after adoption and will do so. We appreciate updates and photos of our adopted Shelties. If the terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement are not upheld, *Austin Sheltie Rescue* reserves the right to terminate the Agreement and to reclaim the dog; there will be no refund of the donation.

8. **Liability:** If the dog develops behavioral or serious health/medical problems in the new owner's care, the adopter may return the dog to us but will not hold *Austin Sheltie Rescue* responsible for such sudden changes or expenses.

9. **Return Check Charge:** There will be a \$25.00 charge on all returned checks submitted by the adopter. If the check is not covered, our Sheltie will be relinquished to *Austin Sheltie Rescue*

10. **Right of Refusal:** To determine what is best for our dogs, *Austin Sheltie Rescue* reserves the right to refuse any application.



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For the best match between sheltie and family, as well as to protect our dogs, **Austin Sheltie Rescue** screens our applicants carefully through the application, check with veterinarian, and home visit. If you are under age eighteen, a parent or guardian must complete and sign this application and must also want to adopt. After carefully answering all of the questions below, mail this portion only, keeping the Terms of Adoption above for your records. Please allow five business days for us to get back to you. Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued sheltie.

### Your Contact Information

Name(s) (both names if a joint application): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Apt. #): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

[We do not adopt outside of Texas]

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

Work Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Privacy Note: The requested information is for the private use of **Austin Sheltie Rescue** and will never be made public.*

Name(s) of sheltie(s) you are interested in adopting

\_\_\_\_\_

## Questionnaire

1) Why do you want a Shetland Sheepdog?

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

Do you still have that dog? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F? \_\_\_\_\_ Age? \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/Neutered? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain.

If you have never owned a sheltie, have you done some research to learn about the breed?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

3) What happened to your last dog?

4) Please explain your responses below. During the last two years:

a) Have you lost a pet (not through death)?

b) Have you had one poisoned?

c) Have you had an animal killed by a vehicle?

d) Have you had an animal die due to disease?

If yes, what did the animal die of?

5) For what purpose do you want this dog?

6) Do you have any other animals? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list type, age, and sex:

Are all pets spayed/neutered? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

*Due to the many health benefits accruing from spaying and neutering, as well as to prevent accidental litters, we require that all resident pets must be neutered/spayed.*

7) Do you have children at home? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Because our shelties are rescues needing special understanding and care, to protect both the dogs and very young children, we do not adopt to homes with children under age five.*

8) Do you live in a house? \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment? \_\_\_\_\_ Condo? \_\_\_\_\_

*For safety reasons, **Austin Sheltie Rescue** does not adopt to mobile/trailer home environments*

9) Do you rent? \_\_\_\_\_ Own? \_\_\_\_\_

10) If you rent, do you have the landlord's written permission to keep a dog and proof of pet deposit where required? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a copy of the landlord's permission and your pet deposit receipt; we will not do the home visit or adoption without it, nor will we contact landlords to secure these documents.*

11) Do you have a yard? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Is it fenced? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
[The yard must be fenced; see the adoption page description of requirements]

What type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_ chain \_\_\_\_\_ wood \_\_\_\_\_ other (please describe)

If you have a doggy door, does it open only into the fenced yard?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If you live in an apartment/town home, is there a safe place to walk/exercise the dog?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

12) Is someone home during the day? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain:

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

Loose inside? \_\_\_\_\_ In crate? \_\_\_\_\_ In fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_

14) Do you intend to keep this dog primarily indoors \_\_\_\_\_ or outdoors \_\_\_\_\_?

Where will the dog sleep? Please explain:

15) Do you have a sex preference? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

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

16) Do you have a color preference? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Second color choice: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: due to the popularity of Blue Merles, we do not see them often in rescue.*

17) What age range would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If yes, to what age? \_\_\_\_\_

18) What size sheltie do you prefer? (The AKC Standard is 13"-16" at the shoulder.) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider a smaller sheltie? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

Would you consider an oversize sheltie up to 20"? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

19) Would you consider a sheltie mix? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

20) Are other members of your household aware that you are considering adopting a pet?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

Does everyone in your home want this dog? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

21) Are you prepared to assume the financial responsibilities of caring for an animal, including inoculations, heartworm preventative, veterinarian care, good quality food, licensing, etc.?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of your Veterinarian:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please let your clinic know we will be calling so they can release information to us.*

I hereby authorize the veterinarian named herein to release information about me or my pet(s) to **Austin Sheltie Rescue** as necessary to evaluate this application. In order for the application to be considered, the veterinary records for current resident pets must be complete and up to date; all resident dogs and cats must be vaccinated, and dogs must be on heartworm preventative. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

22) Do you understand that the sheltie you adopt must be kept on monthly heartworm and flea preventative?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

23) Are you planning to move in the near future? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

If yes, are you willing to give **Austin Sheltie Rescue** the new address? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

24) Is anyone in your house allergic to animals? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain how the allergy is treated if you are bringing in a dog.

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

26) Do you understand that shelties are known for being 'barkers'? Yes : \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

27) Do you understand that shelties can be shy and aloof with new people? Yes \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

28) Are you prepared to do the extra grooming a sheltie's double coat requires? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

29) Do you understand that any rescue sheltie that you may adopt through **Austin Sheltie Rescue** will be spayed/neutered? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

30) What circumstances, in your mind, justify giving up a dog?

31) Are you willing to allow a **Austin Sheltie Rescue** representative to visit your home by appointment?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

32) Please provide two references other than your veterinarian (Examples: groomers, dog trainers, rescue organizations, other pet owners).

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone/e-mail)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone/e-mail)

33) How did you hear about **Austin Sheltie Rescue**?

- Internet Search \_\_\_\_\_
- Petfinder \_\_\_\_\_
- Vet, Clinic, Pet Store, or Shelter Referral \_\_\_\_\_ (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Breeder \_\_\_\_\_ (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Dog/Obedience Club \_\_\_\_\_ (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Another Rescue Group \_\_\_\_\_ (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Friend/Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain)

34) **Austin Sheltie Rescue** works closely with other rescue groups around the state and nation, doing referrals and also deferring to those groups' service areas. If you are applying to other rescue programs as well, please advise us of that and which ones.

35) Do you accept that to defray our program expenses for rehabilitating your dog and to help the next rescue sheltie there will be a \$300.00 donation for an adult age 1-9; \$350.00 for puppy under 12 months, \$150 for adult age 10+, payable immediately by check, cash, or money order upon adoption and delivery of the adopted dog?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

36) Do you accept that the adopted dog may not be transferred to another party and that if the dog must be given up for any reason, he or she is returned to **Austin Sheltie Rescue**?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and am in full agreement with the **Austin Sheltie Rescue** Terms of Adoption. By signing below I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers. I agree the adopted dog shall not be kept exclusively outside, will be on regular heartworm and flea preventive for life, and will receive good nutrition, all vaccinations, and normal health care. I understand that falsification of any of the above information will be grounds to disallow the adoption of a rescued sheltie. I further understand that **Austin Sheltie Rescue** will always be interested in our adopted dogs and may at any time inquire about the welfare of the adopted sheltie during the life of my dog and that I will respond in a timely fashion. I will also provide the coordinators with new e-mail addresses and changed home addresses and phone numbers as they occur, as well as annual updates on how my sheltie is doing in his/her new home.

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

### **Instructions for Sending the Application**

E-mail application (preferred): Please download the form, complete, re-save, and send it (application portion only) as e-mail attachment or copy-paste to [swig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swig@sbcglobal.net). Please be sure you give your e-mail post a clear subject heading so we know what it is about when it comes into our e-mail boxes.

Other methods of sending the application (application portion only)

Mail to:  
Austin Sheltie Rescue  
C/O Sunne Wiginton  
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Austin, TX 78755

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued sheltie from our program.

Please Note: After the application and home visit are approved, applicants who schedule visits with the dogs in the foster homes need to keep those appointments as the foster homes get the dogs ready, often after they come home from work or on equally busy weekends with their families. They do this out of love for the dogs so they can present themselves at their best to possible new homes. Even if applicants decide on the first dog they visit, applicants need to call the next foster home(s) immediately to cancel. But we caution that all the dogs scheduled should be visited--both out of courtesy to the families and also to give every dog a chance to show that

he or she might be the one for them. Once you have decided on the right dog for you, the foster family will take the final adoption agreement and adoption check. Though the foster family will let us know, we also appreciate hearing from you that you have made your decision. Additionally, if you have a resident dog(s) it is a good idea to bring your dog with you when you visit the dog(s) you are interested in to watch the interaction between the dogs.

Please allow five business days for us to respond to your application.  
We appreciate applicants' patience and understanding.

**Austin Sheltie Rescue**  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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