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ADOPTION APPLICATION

At Central Illinois Sheltie Rescue (CISR), we are looking for the best and last home for each of our dogs. We do not feel that "any home is better than no home." We are only looking for homes that:

- Treat their dogs like family members
- Give their dog the very best in veterinary care
- Will keep this dog for the rest of the dog's life
- Insists on a fenced yard for safety
- Will make time to train their dog
- Will make time every day to spend with the dog
- Keeps their dog safe at all times

If this describes you, please continue below!

Privacy note: This information is for private use by CISR and will never be made public. We do not share or sell your e-mail or other information.

Notes:

This application will take 20-30 minutes to complete. Please take your time, and make sure you answer each question in detail. This is our first introduction to you, and we are looking for complete, well-thought-out answers.

Please make certain that you always use the same email address when communicating with us. Applications are filed by email address, not your name.

Applications that have missing answers will not be processed.

I have read and understand these notes. _____

1. Personal Information

Name(s):

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phones: Home

Work

Cell

Your date of birth(s):

Do you have a 2nd / or vacation home?

If yes, please list address:

Does your 2nd home have a securely fenced yard?

Your e-mail address:

Do you check e-mail every day?

Name of employer:

Position Held:

Employer address:

How long at this job:

May we call you at work?

In your own words.....why do you want to rescue a Sheltie?

Are you aware of how skittish and shy Shelties can be?

Dogs you are interested in: _____ Whomever needs me the most OR 1st Choice

2nd Choice

Are you applying for a Sheltie for yourself?

Or someone else?

2. Your Home

Who lives in your home?

Please list all residents, relationships, and ages:

Note: Most Shelties are **not good** with very small children, and we will never place a sheltie in a home with small children living there.

How often do you have small children visiting in your home or yard (be specific please)?

Would you say your home is (check all that apply):

- Busy household – visits by friend, children, parties
- Quiet – homebodies, few guests, stay home a lot
- On a busy street or highway

- Noisy – TV, stereo, machinery, tools, children
- Has lots of children in the neighborhood
- Has lots of wildlife in yard

What is the speed limit of the road/street you live on?

Do you live in a (circle one) House Apartment Condo Townhouse Trailer Other (explain)

Do you own or rent your home?

How long have you lived here?

3. Playtime / Exercise / Potty

Please describe where this dog be allowed to play/potty/exercise **most** of the time?

Is your yard securely fenced, with a physical fence that has no holes or gaps, on all sides, so that a small animal could not escape?

Does a door from your house (not your garage) open directly into your fenced yard?

If no, please explain how your fenced yard is connected:

Your fenced yard encloses: entire back yard portion of back yard dog pen side yard

Approx. size of your fenced yard:

Please describe the **height and material** of your fence?

If you have gates on your fence, do they have padlocks on them?

When was the last time you inspected your entire fence for holes or gaps?

Did you install your fence, or was it already there when you moved in?

If your fence has pickets with a space between the pickets, how many inches wide is the space between pickets (accurate measurement needed)?

Do you plan on your new dog using this fenced yard as its primary play/potty space?

Have you ever completed an obedience class or other formal training with your prior dogs?

Complete this section only if you do not have a securely fenced yard

Why do you not have a fenced yard?

Are you willing to install a secure fence for your dog's safety, if otherwise approved to adopt from CISR?

Without a fenced yard, how will this dog be allowed to relieve itself daily?

Without a fenced yard, how will this dog be able to run and get exercise daily? Please be specific:

Have you in the past, or will you in the future, train your dog(s) to stay loose in your unfenced yard?

Please initial _____

In the past, have you trained your dogs, so they could be loose with you in the front unfenced yard, or on walks, or outings, parties etc?

Have you ever owned a dog who would bolt out the front door?

If yes, how did you handle that?

What is your criteria for allowing a dog to be off a leash in an unfenced area?

Are you planning to move in the foreseeable future?

IF you were to move from your current home, will you ensure your new home has a securely fenced yard prior to your moving in?

Please initial _____

**** IF NO, please explain

If you were to move, what would happen to this dog? **Please be specific.**

4. Daily Schedule

Do all the adults in your household work outside of the home?

Specifically, how many hours per day will this dog be home alone?

Where will this dog stay while home alone? Please be specific

How much time each day will an adult have to devote to working, training, and playing with this dog?
Be specific please.

Where will this dog spend most of its time when you are home? Please be specific (in house, in yard, in basement, in garage, etc.):

Will this dog be given free run of the house?
If no, please describe the arrangements you plan for the dog:

Where will this dog sleep at night?

Please explain your thoughts on dogs being allowed on your furniture?

How often do you travel / vacation?

Who will care for your pets when you travel?

5. Your Past and Present Pets, and Your Pet Care Practices

Your Current Pets

Pet Name	Sex	Fixed?	Age acquired	Year acquired	Age now	Breed	Weight

Please List Pets you have owned in the last 8 years.

Pet Name	Breed	Fixed	Age Acquired	Age when Pet left	Dates owned	Reason pet left your home
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If any of your present or past pets were not spayed or neutered, please explain why?

Have you ever bred any of your dogs?

If yes, explain:

Have you ever had to give up a pet?

If yes, explain:

Have you ever had a pet stolen or lost?

If yes, explain:

Have you ever had a pet hit by a car?

If yes, explain:

Have your current and past pets all been micro-chipped?

If not, please explain why

Vaccinations: What vaccinations do your dogs get, and how often?.

Heartworm: How often do your dogs get tested for heartworm?

How you prevent your dogs from getting heartworm?

Have you ever gotten a positive result on a heartworm test for one of your dogs?

If yes, please explain how you handled that:

Fleas and ticks: What do you do to protect your dogs from fleas and ticks?

Are you aware that fleas carry tapeworm, and if your pet has/had fleas, they very likely will get tapeworm?

Tick-borne diseases

Are you aware of all the diseases a tick bite can pass on to your dog?

Are you aware that Tick Diseases are on the rise?

Are you aware that a test to detect these diseases are **not** part of routine blood work, and must be specifically requested by you.

Do you ask your Vet for these tests for Tick-Borne diseases?

If not, please explain why

Veterinary exams: Please explain how often your pets receive a full Physical Exam from your Vet?

Do you include blood work as part of those exams?

What tests do you run routinely?

Sheltie Teeth

Are you aware that Shelties have very poor teeth as a breed, and dental care is probably the most important component of their care?

Are you aware that Shelties need very frequent (often yearly) dental cleanings performed by your Vet?

Please initial _____

Have your pets ever had a dental cleaning performed by your Vet ?

Are you aware that tooth brushing is not a substitute for a Veterinary cleaning?

Dates of your Shelties last dental cleaning?

Are you aware that bad breath in a dog is usually an indication of an infected tooth or teeth?

Are you aware that an infected tooth (besides being painful) will cause kidney/organ failure in your pet?

How do you keep your dogs' teeth clean in between Vet cleanings?

Parasites: How often do you have a stool sample checked by your Vet for parasites?

Diet: What food do you feed your current dogs and have you fed your past dogs?

Treats: What kind of treats do you give your dog(s)?

Are you aware that most/many of the commercial treats currently marketed for dogs have been shown to cause **kidney failure** in dogs?

Are you aware that most store bought (commercial) dog treats contain chemicals that can and will harm your dog?

What treats do you plan on giving your dog?

Licensing: Do you keep your dogs current on licenses required in your town/county?

Grooming: How often do you groom your dogs?

Do you groom your dog yourself, or have them groomed?

Groomer name and phone number?

My Groomer may be used as a reference?

Your Veterinarian info: Please note: If all your records are not readily available at the Vet you have listed, this could greatly slow down or halt the adoption process. If you purchase preventative medication online, please attach your latest receipt to this application.

Current Veterinarian: Name, address and phone number :

Name of Pets seen at this Vet's office (past or present):

Please list the dates you have used this Vet: (example 2008-2016)

Does this Vet have ALL your pets' records?

If not, please explain.

Do you grant us permission to speak to your Veterinarian(s) to verify the quality of care you give?

Have you called and given permission for us to speak to this Vet Clinic?
(if no, please do)

Vet #2

Reason you changed Veterinarians:

Name, address and phone number :

Name of Pets seen at this Vet's office (past or present):

Please list the dates you have used this Vet: (example 2008-2016)

Does this Vet have ALL your pets' records?

If not, please explain.

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6. Your Preferences in a Rescue Sheltie

What **Age** Sheltie are you looking for? Whoever needs me the most Any age Puppy Young Adult Mature Dog Senior

What **Color** Sheltie are you looking for? Whoever needs me the most Don't care Sable Tri Blue

Are you willing to take a dog that **needs medication** daily? Yes No

Would you be willing to take a **very Shy** Sheltie? Yes No

Are you willing and able to **housetrain** a Sheltie? Yes No

Are you willing to adopt a Sheltie with **special needs**? Yes No

Is there any quality in a Sheltie that you could **NOT** work with?

What are the most important considerations/traits YOU want in a new dog? Please rate the following for how important these are to you. 1 is most important and 10 is least important

Play with my other dog(s)
 Play with my children
 Be a good watchdog
 Have lots of energy
 Be very laid-back and calm
 Go walking or running with me
 Be affectionate with me

Be a good candidate for agility
 Be a good candidate for a therapy dog
 Be able to be home alone for long periods
 The dog must not run away if loose
 Not be shy with strangers
 Whoever needs me the most
 Other:

7. Sheltie Facts you must know and acknowledge

Please read this portion of the application carefully and please initial that you acknowledge the following:

- _____ Dog ownership carries with it financial responsibilities. The American Kennel Club estimates that it costs, on average, \$1,000 per year to properly care for a healthy dog. You are aware of this and can afford to do this.
- _____ **Most Shelties over age 3 need annual dental cleanings by your Vet.** This procedure can cost several hundred dollars – or more, if extractions are required – per event. You are aware of this, agree to do this, and can afford to do this.
- _____ At some point in your dog's life, just like most people, he/she will require surgery, blood tests, medications, and/or other medical procedures that can be quite costly. Many Veterinary procedures can run into thousands of dollars. You are aware of this, you will agree to this if your dog needs it (and your Vet recommends it), and you attest that you can afford to do this.
- _____ Shelties as a breed are VERY shy with people they do not know. It may take months to gain a Sheltie's trust. Shelties are also very sound and motion-sensitive. Because of those things, Shelties are a high risk to run away from a new home at any time. You are aware of this and will take precautions to prevent this.
- _____ You will commit to always keeping your new Sheltie on a leash, or in your fenced yard.
- _____ Because of a Shelties extreme shyness and skittish nature, if your Sheltie should happen to get loose and run away, it can cost several hundred dollars, or more, to put up enough posters, take out multiple ads, and offer enough reward money, to recover this dog. The average time it takes recover a lost Sheltie is 3- 6 months. CISR requires that if your Sheltie gets loose, you contact CISR immediately and follow CISR's recovery program and instructions. You agree to take these steps should your Sheltie get loose.
- _____ Shelties are barkers, and will react with barking to things like delivery people, the doorbell, etc. You are aware of this and will use only humane methods to train your Sheltie if needed.
- _____ Shelties are a double-coated breed and they shed once or more per year. To keep their coat and skin in good health, they require regular brushing and nail trims, as well as bathing and grooming as needed. You are aware of this and will be able to provide this care for your Sheltie.

If you do **not** consent to any of the above, please note here, and explain:

8. Your References

Please provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of two persons who can speak to the care you have given your present and past pets. Please indicate if either of those persons are family members, and do not include members of your immediate household. If you regularly train your dog(s) with a particular trainer, please include that person's name and contact information.

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9. Return to Rescue

We place our dogs with the expectation that the adoption will be for the life of the dog. However, please check any of the following circumstances that you think could cause you to return this dog to CISR:

- A new job (longer hours, longer commute)
- A divorce
- A new baby in the family
- Dog needs expensive vet care
- Dog barks too much

- Dog bites someone
- You/your family has no time for dog
- You move to a new house/residence
- Dog displays bad habits
- Other: Please specify

Any dog adopted from CISR must be returned to CISR if for any reason the adopters are not able to keep the dog. This is outlined in greater detail in our adoption contract.

10. Fees

CISR charges the following adoption fees for its dogs:

- Puppies under 1 year of age: \$375
- Adults 1-9 years of age: \$325
- Senior Adults 10+ years: \$200

You may always donate more than the stated amount if you wish.

Your adoption fees allow CISR to provide the following services to all dogs in our program:

- Treatment of any medical issue
- Dental cleaning

- Spaying/neutering
- One-year rabies vaccination
- Distemper/Parvovirus combo vaccination
- Heartworm test /or heartworm treatment
- Heartworm preventive tablets
- Flea prevention treatment
- Intestinal worms treatment
- Grooming
- Extensive training for severe problems
- Health Screen - Labwork.
- Microchip and registration forms
- A medical history and all records.
- A new leash and collar

Are you aware that the next step in the adoption process is for someone from CISR to come to your home and meet with you and your entire family, and view your yard and house?

If you are approved to adopt from CISR, how will you get the dog to your home? (We do not ship our dogs.)

11. Please note:

We do our very best to reply to applicants in a timely fashion. However, we sometimes handle a large volume of applications and a number of dogs! If you do not hear back from CISR regarding your application within ten days of your submission of that application, please feel free to contact us by e-mail to inquire about the status of your application.

The most common reason for an application not being processed is questions that were not answered. We cannot proceed with an incomplete application.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO SENDING IT FOR MISSED ANSWERS.

A home visit by a CISR team member is required for every application that is considered. We will do our best to schedule that visit as quickly as possible; it may depend on how many volunteers we have in a given area.

A vet check by a CISR team member is required for every application that is considered. Please be sure you have included your veterinary clinic contact info on this application, and please alert your veterinary clinic that a CISR team member will be calling them..

Note: Submitting an application to CISR does not commit you to adopting a dog, nor does it mean you are sure to get a dog from us. However, should you adopt a dog from us, this application, and the statements you make in it, will be part of your adoption contract. Statements and/or answers to questions in this application are used in determining suitability of a dog in your home. Therefore, providing false or misleading information on this application will be cause for terminating any adoption agreement we may make with you.

Please note that we have the right to refuse/reject any application for any reason at any time.

12. Your Testament and Signature

ALL OF THE ANSWERS I HAVE GIVEN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY OF THE ANSWERS GIVEN ARE FOUND TO BE NOT TRUE AND CORRECT, AT ANY TIME, THE ADOPTION CONTRACT WILL BE NULL AND VOID, AND IF AN ADOPTION HAS OCCURRED, I WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE SHELTY TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS SHELTY RESCUE.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Electronic signature here is accepted as your full written signature.)

I have checked and have answered each question above. I understand that any missed answers voids my application.
 I am interested in volunteering with Central Illinois Sheltie Rescue.

E-mail this completed application to adoptions@illinoissheltierescue.com; Send completed application in Word or PDF format only. Thank you!