



Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of New Jersey, Inc. **Adoption Contract**

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you have any questions, contact us at: info@njsheltierescue.org

- Download the form to your computer, fill it out and save it, then email it to: info@njsheltierescue.org
- Or Download the form, print and fill it out, scan it and email to: info@njsheltierescue.org
- Or Download the form, print and fill it out, then mail it to: **SSPSNJ, 370 Union Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807**
Please put **“Adoption Contract”** on the envelope.

The Adoption Contract is the final step in the adoption process. It is available here so that you may know what Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of New Jersey’s expectations are for potential adoptive homes. If you are interested in adopting, you should first print the **Adoption Application** to fill out and send in to begin the adoption process.

The following contract specifies what we view as required to provide a safe and loving home for a sheltie. Please understand that the details of the contract reflect our concern that both the owner and the sheltie have a happy life together. The conditions set forth are based on years of experience and a continuing commitment to see that our rescue dogs find safe and happy PERMANENT homes. We hope you will understand that considerable emotional involvement, time and energy go into insuring that these Shetland sheepdogs have the best possible second chance at life.

This contract, made between Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of NJ (hereafter referred to as "SSPSNJ") and Applicant (hereafter referred to as "Adopter"):

Applicant Name(s):			
Address: (City)			
(State, Zip)			
Phone:	Home:	Work:	Cell:
Email address:			

is an agreement for the adoption of a dog (hereafter referred to as “Adoptee”), more fully described as:

Dog’s name:			
Sex:	Age:	Birth date:	Tattoo/Microchip #:
Unique Physical Characteristics or Markings:			

SSPSNJ agrees and warrants that:

a. The Adoptee is spayed/neutered, except for the few occasions such as the rare event that the Adoptee is too young for surgery, then the spay/neuter must be done by _____ (DATE). For any other rare occasions the reason and the later possibility of spay/neuter will be fully explained to the adopter. Adopter will provide SSPSNJ with proof of spay/neuter. **If SSPSNJ does not receive proof of spay/neuter within 14 days of the date indicated, SSPSNJ has the right to reclaim the dog described above. At no time is the Adoptee to be used for breeding purposes.**

b. The Adoptee has received the following vaccinations:

Vaccination:	Vaccination:
Date:	Date:
Next due:	Next due:

c. The Adoptee has been tested for heartworm and the results of this test is negative. The Adoptee is currently taking the following heartworm preventative:

Date of Heartworm Check:	Heartworm Preventative:
Date Given:	

d. The adoptee is currently on _____ Flea and Tick Preventative.

_____ was applied on _____. Next application is due on _____.

e. The Adoptee will be made available upon the receipt of the adoption fee \$ _____ to SSPSNJ and the execution of this agreement.

Applicant shall agree to the following:

1. Agree that the Adoptee is a unique form of property, in that it is a live animal in need of daily care by the Adopter.
2. Agree that the laws of the State of New Jersey shall apply to this contract, even if the Adoptee is removed from the state.
3. The Adopter is 21 years of age or older.
4. The Adopter agrees that he/she will fulfill the following obligations during the natural life of the Adoptee, unless ownership of the Adoptee is returned to SSPSNJ.

HOUSING AND GENERAL CARE

- a. To accept the Adoptee as his/her HOUSEHOLD pet and companion.
- b. To provide Adoptee with food daily and fresh water at all times.
- c. To provide weekly grooming (i.e., brushing and nail trimming) and dental care as necessary.
- d. To keep Adoptee on leash whenever Adoptee is not inside an approved fenced yard.
- e. To NEVER keep the Adoptee chained, tied, or left on leash while unattended.
- f. To NEVER leave the Adoptee outdoors when no one is home.

MEDICAL CARE

- a. The Adopter will assume all veterinary costs thereafter including routine yearly exams, shots, and in particular, heartworm testing and medication.
- b. To provide immediate medical treatment for injury.
- c. It is recommended that you take your adopted dog to your veterinarian for a check-up within 3 days. Please make sure to provide your veterinarian with a copy of all medical records that you have received from SSPSNJ.

POSSESSION

- a. To keep the Adoptee in the Adopter's personal possession, and to never give away, abandon, sell or dispose of the Adoptee in any way. This includes release to family members.
- b. To notify SSPSNJ immediately if at any time the Adopter is no longer able to keep the Adoptee for any reason or to care for the Adoptee as specified here. Arrangements will be made to return the Adoptee to SSPSNJ. Should the adopter relocate outside of NJ, and can no longer keep the Adoptee, they agree to contact SSPSNJ. If the distance is too great to return dog to SSPSNJ, SSPSNJ will help locate a local shelter rescue group for assistance.
- c. To notify SSPSNJ immediately if the Adoptee is stolen or lost. The Adopter will make every effort to recover the Adoptee and to pay whatever redemption fee may be assessed should the Adoptee be impounded.
- d. To NEVER allow the Adoptee to be used for purposes of vivisection or experiment.
- e. To NEVER allow the Adoptee to be transported in the open bed of a pickup truck or similar vehicle. (Note: This is a NJ State Law)

LICENSING AND IDENTIFICATION

- a. To apply with all applicable laws relating to control and ownership of the Adoptee.
- b. To obtain, within one month, the required license and a personal identification tag bearing the Adopter's name and phone number to be attached at all times to the Adoptee's collar.
- c. To keep the collar and identification on the Adoptee at all times.
- d. To use a choke chain collar only when training the Adoptee and to remove the choke chain collar at all other times.

FOLLOW - UP

- a. To allow SSPSNJ (or it's representative) to visit the Adopter's home to determine that the conditions of the placement contract are being met, to assure that the Adopter and Adoptee are happy with the adoption, to answer any questions and to help the Adopter with any problems that may have developed.
- b. To release the Adoptee to SSPSNJ if at any time SSPSNJ finds that the Adopter has not complied with the terms of this contract or has been unable to provide adequate care for the Adoptee.

LIABILITY

- a. To hold SSPSNJ free from any and all liabilities arising from the Adoptee's conduct.
- b. To assume all responsibility for the defense of any action that may arise as a result of the Adopter's ownership of the Adoptee.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Items going home with the Adoptee and Adopter. *(These initialed items will be returned along with the Adoptee if returned.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Heartworm Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Crate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabies Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Flea / Tick Topical | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabies Tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Collar Martindale | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neuter Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Collar Buckle | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Collar Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip Paperwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Harness _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip Tag | | |

List any other items *(not included on list above)* **going home with the Adopter.**

<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

1. SSPSNJ and Adopter agree that they will inform each other of any change in address, within ten days of the change of address.
2. SSPSNJ and Adopter agree that should any provision of this contract be void under New Jersey law, that said void paragraph may be stricken and the remaining provisions remain in effect and are binding.
3. If the Adoptee is returned by the Adopter or removed from the Adopter for any reason there will be no financial reimbursement to the Adopter.

SIGNATURE OF SSPSNJ REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE OF ADOPTER

NAME OF SSPSNJ REPRESENTATIVE (PRINTED)

NAME OF ADOPTER (PRINTED)

DATE

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