



Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue

New Castle, PA 16105

www.pasheltierescue.org

Adoption Agreement/Contract

This agreement is made and hereby entered into, on this day, _____ by and between Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue, and _____ hereafter referred to as Adopters. The dog described below will hereafter be referred to as "Dog", or "The dog", or "These dogs". The purpose of this contract is to ensure that adopter provides this dog with the best possible care and treatment throughout it's life.

Breed: Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie) or other breed as noted here _____ (Mix) , or purebred sheltie _____. The dogs Color _____ Sex: _____. Age of dog at adoption: ____ DOB: _____. The adoption will be in the consideration of a donation of \$ _____; Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue agrees to allow the Adopter to adopt this Sheltie / Sheltie (mix) or other breed, known in our records respectively as: _____. Under the terms set forth in this contract, and Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue warrants that at this time and to the best of our knowledge, this dog is: _____ years old, is current on shots, is heartworm negative, has been wormed, has been groomed, is taking Sentinel or Interceptor Heartworm Prevention on the _____ day of each month, and is micro-chipped.

Adopter understands and agrees to abide by the following terms of adoption:

- If, within one month, for any reason, you decide this dog is not right for you or your family, you may return the dog to Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue.
- As of this date _____, of the adoption, Adopter agrees to assume all medical expenses, food costs, grooming, and any and all other costs associated with this dog. If the dog needs veterinarian care within 30 days of this adoption contract, other than a standard wellness visit, the adopter agrees to pay for the veterinarian care themselves and contact Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue as to the nature of the veterinarian visit and treatment required. Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue will honor, in good faith, the health of the dog at the time of adoption but will not pay for, nor reimburse for any veterinary services performed outside of our present program agreement.
- The Adopter agrees that ownership of this dog is not transferable. The Adopter agrees that if for any reason he/she is unable to continue to house and care for the dog, or if he/she should decide that he/she no longer wants to keep this dog, that he/she will immediately, contact Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue and, at adopter's expense, return the dog to Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue. In the case of a long distance adoption, it is the adopter's responsibility to transport the dog back to Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue in a safe and approved manner, or

make further arraignments with Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue and Mike LaMont for safe transport.

- Adopter agrees to treat this animal in a humane and loving way at all times, and to make sure that anyone temporarily caring for this dogs will do the same.
- Adopter understands that Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue normally requires a fully fenced-in rear yard or designated secured areas, except on special requests. Invisible fencing is not acceptable. Shock collars are not acceptable training methods or containment for the dogs. Adopter agrees to return this dog to Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue immediately if they ever choose to live in a home that does not have a fully fenced-in yard or special 'secure' designated area in agreement with Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue.
- This dog is never to be allowed off a leash when they are outdoors, if it is not in a safe fenced-in area.
- The Adopter agrees to provide this dog (s) (and all other animals he/she owns) with proper veterinary care as is recommended by his or her veterinarian, for the rest of each animal's life. This includes Rabies vaccinations as State required and the prevention of parasites, and fleas and ticks. Adopter also agrees to keep this dog on a monthly Sentinel or Interceptor heartworm prevention and a flea control program, as necessary, throughout the dog's entire lifetime. Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue does not recommend, after the first booster shot, yearly vaccinations, but does recommend vaccinations every 3 years until the age 9, then none, then no further vaccinations, except Rabies as noted by each state. The adoption dog is due _____ /not due_____ for any vaccinations. Please do not give Heartguard unless the MDR1 gene test from Washington State University is completed to determine if he/she can tolerate Heartguard. Please do not give Heartguard until that test is done. Rescue suggests that he/she be started on Sentinel or Interceptor (not Triflexis). Thank you. For addition information on the MDR1, please contact Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue.
- Adopter understands that Shelties are a very shy breed, and are a great "**runaway**" risk during their transition into their new home. Adopter agrees that if this dog were to get loose, and become lost, adopter will contact Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue immediately. Adopter agrees to follow the search instructions provided by Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue. Adopter agrees to provide any and all resources needed (both financial and/or otherwise) in the search and recovery of the dog.
- Adopter agrees to have an ID tag made and attach it to the dog's martingale collar. Adopter agrees to make certain the dog wears its martingale collar with ID tag at all times. The information on the tag should include at least your phone number. Adopter agrees to make certain ID tag always has current information on it.
- Adopter agrees to license this dog according to any state and local ordinances.
- Adopter agrees to feed a wholesome, premium dog food like Core Wellness, Orijen, or Fromm, and have fresh, filtered water available at all times. Generic dog food, store brand dog foods (Walmart, Dollar Store), or other no-name dog foods are not considered premium foods. Some of the rescue dogs will require a no grain food diet or a reduced fat diet and the proper food

needs to be given based on the rescue's direction. If in question as to the quality dog food brands or proper nutrition, please contact Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue.

- This dog is being placed with the strict understanding that the dog is going to a private home, to live as an indoor pet. This means that this dog will be inside adopter's home to be part of the family. This dog may never be left outdoors, except in a secure fenced in yard or large kennel area, and under supervision at all times. If you are not home the dog can never be left out alone, unattended. Active doggie doors that will let the dog out on its free will, while you are not home, are not acceptable. The dog must be supervised at all times when outside to run and potty.

- Adopter understands that Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue will never place a known biter or a dog that has shown aggression. However, the Adopter must be fully aware and hereby understands that any dog may bite if provoked, or if scared, sickened or injured and the adopter will not hold Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue liable in any way as a result of the dog being put into a situation that results in the dogs aggression due to a situation that is not caring for the animal. Therefore, Adopter agrees to use caution when allowing any strange adults or child to be near this dog. Adopter further agrees to never allow anyone to run up on, threaten, squeeze, poke, step on, or otherwise pose or perceive a threat to this dog.

- Adopter understands that no one can predict what medical or temperament problems a rescue dog may have in its lifetime. No one from our organization may guarantee anything other than the current health and temperament of this dog at the time of its interception into our rescue program.

- The Adopter agrees that he/she is not acting as, or in part of any agent in the purchase of this Dog, and that the Adopter will not sell this Dog to any other person, agent, or pet store. The Adopter agrees, with this contract, to accept personal and financial responsibilities for the adoption dog and all the care that is needed to provide a caring and loving home for the dog.

- Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue may and will make inquiries about said dog at any time to make sure that all is going well with the adoption process.

- If for some reason the terms and conditions of this Adoption Agreement are not upheld, Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to reclaim the dog, if we feel that the dog is in danger or not being taken care of. Also, if for any reason the owner passes away, and the family is responsible for the care of the dog they are required inform Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue of said passing. If the family cannot care of the dog, then the dog shall be returned to Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue. Further, if it is found that adopter has violated this contract by giving or selling this dog to a third party or has compromised this contract as written, the adopter agrees to pay any and all reasonable costs incurred by Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue to recover the dog and bring the dog back to the rescue program.

Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue
Mike LaMont
219 E. Meyer Avenue

New Castle, PA 16105.

The adopter must realize that many of these dogs originated from less than desirable live conditions or other circumstances that have them homeless. Our foster homes work with the dogs to ensure they are well cared for, brought back to health, socialized, happy and have adjusted to living in a loving home and having a family. We want this wonderful life and happiness to continue for each and every one of our dogs in their new forever homes. This is why this contract is so binding.

I accept that, to help defray Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue's expenses for rehabilitating and any and all medical costs for the dog by the following adoption fees.

- Puppy to 1 year old: \$375
- Adult 2 to 9 years old: \$325
- Senior 10 years old and older: \$200
- Case by Case, No adoption fee: \$0

I affirm that no legal charge for animal abuse has ever been made against me or any immediate family member.

Initials: _____

I have read and understand the complete "Adoption Information" provided by Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue and here in this contract and all conditions presented in this contract.

Initials: _____

I acknowledge that all the information contained on this form is true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentations of fact may result in the reclaiming of the adopted dog by Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue.

Initials: _____

I have read and understand this entire agreement, and do hereby agree to ALL the above terms.

Adopter's Name _____

Adopter's Signature _____

Adopter's Street Address _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Date _____ Adopter's Drivers License number: State _____ Number: _____

Signature of the Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue volunteer and representative upon acceptance on this contract:

Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue representative, completing this contract

Heart's Promise Sheltie Rescue Coordinator