

**Adopter understands and agrees to abide by the following terms of an adoption from Kansas City Sheltie Rescue.**

1. **Return:** If, within two weeks, for any reason you decide this dog is not right for you or your family, you may return the dog to Kansas City Sheltie Rescue for a refund of your donation.
2. **Medical Responsibilities:** At this date of adoption, Adopter agrees to assume all medical expenses, food, grooming, and any other costs associated with this dog. If this dog needs veterinary care within 2 weeks of its adoption the adopter agrees to either pay for the vet care himself, or return the dog to Kansas City Sheltie Rescue for a refund of the adoption donation. Kansas City Sheltie Rescue does not pay for, nor reimburse for any veterinary services performed outside of our program. Adopter agrees to notify KCSR if the dog gets sick, lost or dies.
3. **Ownership: 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 no longer wants to keep this dog, that he/she will immediately, at adopter's expense, return the dog to Kansas City Sheltie Rescue. In the case of a long distance adoption, it is the adopter's responsibility to transport the dog back to Kansas City Sheltie Rescue in a safe and approved manner.
4. **Treatment:** 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 dog will do the same.
5. **Fence:** Adopter understands that KCSR requires at least a fully fenced-in rear yard. Invisible fencing is not acceptable. **These dogs are never to be allowed off a leash when they are outdoors, if not in a fenced-in area.**
6. **Veterinary Care:** The Adopter agrees to provide this dog, (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 yearly vaccinations and prevention of parasites. Adopter also agrees to keep this dog on a monthly heartworm prevention (Interceptor) and flea control program throughout the dog's entire lifetime. Adopter further agrees to take this dog to his/her veterinarian for a routine check up at least once every year, and to follow the advice of his veterinarian. Adopter further gives Kansas City Sheltie Rescue permission to verify this care by contacting and talking with adopter's veterinarian.
7. **If Lost:** Adopter understands that Shelties are a very shy breed, and are a great "runaway" risk during the first 30 days in a new home. Adopter agrees that IF this dog were to get loose, and become lost, adopter will contact Kansas City Sheltie Rescue immediately. Adopter agrees to follow the search instructions provided by Kansas City Sheltie Rescue as provided on our website: [www.kcsheltierescue.org](http://www.kcsheltierescue.org). Adopter agrees to provide any and all resources needed (both financial and/or otherwise) in the search and recovery of the dog.
8. **ID Tags:** Adopter agrees to keep ID tags attached to the dog's collar. **Adopter agrees to make certain the dog wears its collar with ID tag at all times.** Including, but not limited to the Kansas City Sheltie Rescue tag, rabies tag.
9. **Local License:** Adopter agrees to license this dog according to any local ordinances and keep such license tag on the dog.
10. **Food:** Adopter agrees to feed a wholesome, premium dog food, and have fresh water available at all times.
11. **Inside Dog Only: This dog is being placed with the strict understanding that it is going to a private home, to live as an indoor pet. The Adopter agrees that this dog will reside in the home of the Adopter, not outside.** This means that this dog will be inside adopter's home except for potty breaks and supervised playtime outside. **This dog may never be left outdoors if you are not home.** 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.
12. **Guarantee:** Adopter understands that no one can predict what medical or temperament problems a dog may have in its lifetime. No one from our organization may guarantee anything other than the current health and temperament of this dog.
13. **Enforcement of this Agreement:** Kansas City Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that Kansas City Sheltie Rescue may examine and make inquiry about said dog at any time. **If the terms and conditions of this Adoption Agreement are not upheld, Kansas City Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to terminate the agreement, to reclaim the dog, and to inflict a \$1,500 fully enforceable penalty.**
14. **Legal Action:** Should Kansas City Sheltie Rescue need to seek legal action against the Adopter, Adopter hereby agrees that in addition to the \$1,500 penalty, he/she will pay for any and all attorney costs, court fees, and any other legal fee's incurred, in the process of enforcing this contract. Further, if it is found that adopter has violated this contract by giving or selling this dog to a third party, in addition to the \$1,500 penalty, and in addition to all legal fee's, adopter agrees to pay any and all reasonable costs incurred and associated with getting the dog back to Kansas City Sheltie Rescue in Prairie Village, KS. These costs include, but are not limited to: gasoline, travel expenses, hotel charges, meals, airline costs, possible reimbursement to third party (if dog was sold), or ANY other cost incurred.