

ADOPTION PROCESS:



Thank you for considering adopting a rescued pet from a local shelter, preventing an abandoned animal from being euthanized. All dogs in the SHARE system have received a vet/medical exam, heartworm test and series of immunization. SHARE also makes sure that every adopted adult dog has already been spayed/neutered. Those who adopt a puppy from SHARE are provided with a spay/neuter certificate. SHARE does not have a facility, shelter or kennel and solely depends upon volunteers to provide a temporary loving home to the dogs rescued from the shelter until an adoptive home has been selected.

SHARE screens/interviews all potential adoptive individuals to ensure that every dog adopted is placed in the best-suited new home. SHARE's adoption application is listed above under the "Adoption Application" bone tab. The most effective way to begin the adoption process is to download, complete and e-mail (sharepets@comcast.net) us a completed application. SHARE also has a frequent adoption stands on most Saturdays (weather permitting) at Fin and Feather Pet Store on Lakeside Ave. from 12-3 p.m. If you have a specific date you want to come to SHARE's adoption stand, please be sure to look at the top of this web page to ensure our adoption stand has not been cancelled. Because not every dog listed on SHARE's Website is brought (e.g., has not yet been spayed/neutered) to our weekly adoption stand, please e-mail us (sharepets@comcast.net) to make sure that the specific dog/puppy you are interested in is being transported to our adoption event. Once an individual completes and submits an application, s/he will be interviewed by a SHARE adoption screening volunteer. Once approved, a **\$100-\$300 adoption fee** is required. This adoption fee helps to defray the costs incurred while the dog is in our care.

SHARE requires individuals wanting to adopt a dog to be over the age of 21. SHARE will not accept applications from those who will not be the primary care taker and owner of the dog (e.g., surprise birthday gift). SHARE reserves the right to deny an applicant if, in our judgment, the home situation is not compatible with the needs of the dog or if the dog is not suitable for the applicant. For example, an individual/family may be denied due to not having the type of fencing needed for a dog that is able to jump over and clear a four-foot fence. In rental situations, SHARE will request that the landlord be contacted to ensure dogs are allowed because landlord disputes are a common reason for pets (currently in shelters) being abandoned. Those in rental situations are encouraged to bring a letter to SHARE's adoption stand from their landlord, verifying the cost and that a pet deposit and/or pet monthly fee has already been made. In addition, the letter from the landlord should specifically state what

type/breed and weight of dog is allowed. We are unable to “hold” a dog for a potential adoption applicant because this prevents another dog from being rescued from the shelter. SHARE may request that a home visit be conducted prior to approving an individual/family’s adoption application.

In addition to the adoption application and \$100-\$300 adoption fee, an adoption contract is also required and is an agreement that the new owner will: Provide shelter, food, yearly vaccinations, heartworm testing and preventative medication and medical care. SHARE retains the right to reclaim any rescued animal that is neglected, improperly cared for, or allowed to roam free. SHARE wants to be notified if the new owner cannot keep or no longer wants their adopted pet. Individuals and families, who cannot come to our adoption stand on Sundays, can come to meet their potential adoptive pet individually by calling for a pre-arranged appointment.

Those individuals wanting to adopt from another state are also required to come in person to meet the dog and have a screening interview. Because SHARE is a very small nonprofit organization, we cannot provide shipping fees or transport any pet. SHARE’s dogs are rescued from shelters and have already been traumatized; therefore, we do not support the transport of dogs by plane unless the dog is allowed to fly with passengers. SHARE may not be able to pay for the sterilization costs of a puppy by out-of-state vets who do not accept/honor SHARE’s spay/neuter certificate.