

# Lone Star Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso Rescue

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## New Volunteer Questionnaire & Application

How did you hear about us?  Web Search  Newspaper  Petco or Petsmart  Petfinder  Other

If other, please specify? \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to:  Foster  Volunteer other services  Foster and volunteer other services

### New Volunteer Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Co-Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Please Tell Us About Your Home

Please tell us about the people that live with you or the people that visit you frequently. Please include your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.

Name	Age	Relationship to you	Specify "Lives Here" or the frequency of visits

Are there Smokers in your household?  Yes  We smoke but not in the house  No smokers  
 (Allergies prevent some of our dogs from being in homes with smokers.)

What best describes your residence?  Single family  Townhouse/condo/apartment  Mobile home  Live with relatives

Do you rent or own your home?  Rent  Own  N/A - Live with relatives

If you rent, please give us the name and phone number of your landlord. \_\_\_\_\_

How is your yard fenced? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have a securely fenced yard, how will you ENSURE the safety of the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a dog door?  Yes  No

Do you have a pool?  Yes  No

If you have a pool, how will you keep a dog safe? \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Tell Us About Your Current Pets

Name	Type of Pet Species/Breed	Sex/ Spayed or Neutered?	Year Adopted	Age Now	Where did you get them?	Where is pet kept when you're not home?

## Please Tell Us About Your Past Pets

Name	Type of Pet Species/Breed	Sex/ Spayed or Neutered?	Year Adopted	What happened to this pet?

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## Please Tell Us About The Type Of Dog(s) You Want To Foster

Normally we place our dogs in foster homes in the same order as we get them but we will make sure our foster dogs are placed in the best matched foster home for their particular needs. Some of our dogs are undergoing medical treatment and need to be given medication regularly or special diets. Some have special needs such as re-socializing or behavior training.

Do you have any preferences in your foster dog(s)? (tzu or lhasa, gender, young, old, active, playful, quiet, lapdog, etc.)

This is not a requirement but are you willing to foster a dog with special needs? (you may elaborate) \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours in a normal day will the dog be left alone?  0-3  3-6  6-9  9-12  More than 12

Where will the dog stay when you are not at home?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside in a secure fenced yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Gated in kitchen        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside in a dog run            | <input type="checkbox"/> Gated in a bathroom     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Securely tied in the yard       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gated in a utility room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On an enclosed porch            | <input type="checkbox"/> Crated inside           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the garage                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose inside            |

Where will the dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe that you will be able to provide an excellent foster home for a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to foster a dog? Please elaborate \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteering Other Services

We always need foster homes but since we are an all volunteer organization, the need is great for other services too. Other things volunteers might do for us include - but are not limited to the following:

- ⊙ Transportation of dogs within local area - picking up from a local shelter and transporting to our vet, etc.
- ⊙ Transportation of dogs from one city to another - either driving or flying (with dog in cabin). An airline employee or person with frequent flier miles may want to volunteer to help with air transport.
- ⊙ Taking photos of our new dogs to post on our website and Petfinder.com.
- ⊙ Walking/Exercising our dogs who are in boarding waiting for a foster home to open up.
- ⊙ Temporary fostering - keeping a foster dog once in awhile for a few days while a foster family is out of town.
- ⊙ Performing home interviews with potential new adopters.
- ⊙ Public Relations - calling people back who've left messages or questions on our voice mail line.
- ⊙ Promotions - manning a booth at a local festival or fundraiser, finding vets or other places willing to display our signs, etc.

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## Volunteering Other Services (continued)

- Press Agent
- Grant Writer
- Project Management - manage promotional events, fundraisers, Meet & Greets, etc.
- Printing - calendars, business cards, brochures, and other promotional documents.
- Computer/Writing Skills - write or update documents, data entry, web and database administration, etc.
- Sewing - sew doggie items to sell at fundraisers or for our foster dogs.

I would like to volunteer for:

- Other services only
- Other services and temporary foster home
- Other services and regular foster home
- Regular foster home only

Please tell us specifically what types of services you would like to volunteer from the list above or any other ideas or talents you might have? \_\_\_\_\_

## Your References

Please give us the names of three references who have dogs that we can contact for information about you and how you interact with your pets. We need your three references even if you don't plan to foster. Only one family member please. This part of the application is sometimes the most time consuming. Please let your references know that we may be contacting them.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your References (continued)

Please give us the name and contact information of your current vet. Please let them know that we will be contacting them. If you have no vet, write NO VET in "Name" box.

Vets Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets they have seen: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you used this vet? \_\_\_\_\_

Name on the account: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us the name and phone number of your groomer. If you don't use a groomer, write "No Groomer".

Groomer: \_\_\_\_\_

Groomer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Miscellaneous Information

If you have any special training or expertise working with dogs, please elaborate:

(It's not a requirement. Most of our volunteers are dog lovers who want to help make a difference. But if you have any special training or experience you can volunteer, we would like to know so we can utilize your talents.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All dogs will need to be re-house trained to your home and your routine. How do you plan to house train your foster dog?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Although we do not take people aggressive dogs into our program, we do accept abused and unsocialized dogs. These dogs often need work with behavior problems. Any dog that has ANY known history of snapping will not be put into a home with children. But understand that a dog may react differently and you must be prepared to deal with it. How will you deal with behavior problems like snapping or biting?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that dogs can bite out of fear and distrust? Unfortunately, they do not have hands to slap the face of that obnoxious stranger that is grabbing and touching them. The only way they have to protect themselves is with their teeth.

- I didn't know that. Can you give me more information?
- I understand and will protect the dog from strangers.

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## Miscellaneous Information (continued)

Do you understand that 75% of dog bite cases involve dogs who have never bitten anyone before and that you, as the dog's foster, should take whatever measures are necessary to avoid putting your foster dog in a situation where he might become afraid and snap.

- I do not understand this and I want a dog that will never bite.
- I understand this and will protect the dog from these situations.

How will you prevent your foster dog from biting your child or a friend's child? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to crate train your foster dog?  Yes  No

Have you ever given up a dog?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain and give date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who has the dog now? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us their contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you feel that you would HAVE to give up a dog you own? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else that you would like for us to consider when processing your application? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Statement Of Truth

By submission of this application, I/We \_\_\_\_\_ assert that all statements and answers given in said application are the said truth. Any misrepresentation of the truth in this application will invalidate any subsequent volunteer agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Before we start to process your application we must receive veterinarian records and three references.**