

Lone Star Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso Rescue
www.shihtzu-rescue.com

Volunteer Reference Questionnaire

Your friend or relative has applied to foster a little dog or volunteer other services for Lone Star Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso Rescue of Texas. Part of the application process is to get to know the applicant by engaging in a dialog with friends and family. We are interested in finding out how you feel a foster dog might be treated within the applicant's home and what you think of the applicant's overall character. If you don't mind, please complete the following questions in as much detail as possible. We know this is a very lengthy document and we apologize for taking up so much of your time. However, this is necessary in order to understand the people with whom we are working and entrusting our dogs. We believe this to be critical to ensure the safest and best care for the dogs. We thank you so much for your time and for caring. By completing this form, you are contributing to our rescue's mission to save dogs.

Please fax the completed questionnaire to: 281-754-4851

**Or mail to: LSSTLAR
 P.O. Box 1346
 Pinehurst, TX 77362-1346.**

**Better yet, if you have access to the internet you may fill out this form on line at:
www.shihtzu-rescue.com/volunteerReferences.html**

Applicant's name: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Home Phone: _____

Your Cell Phone: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. How do you know them? (coworkers, personal friends, etc) _____

3. What dogs does the applicant have now? Please list name, breed, sex (neutered or spayed) and age. _____

4. Please explain in detail some interaction you have seen between the applicant and their dog(s). _____

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5. What dogs have they had in the past? Please list name, breed, sex (neutered or spayed) and age. _____

6. What happened to these dogs? (death & cause of death, ran away, stolen, re-homed with a friend or family member, etc) _____

7. Have they ever had any pets hit by a car or with a serious disease or injury? _____
8. If yes, what were the circumstances and how did they handle the veterinary care? _____

9. What do you think the others in the house feel about a foster dog? (spouse, kids, parents, etc) _____

10. Do the dogs have free run of the secure fenced yard when no one is home? _____

11. What kind of a fence do they have? _____
12. What condition is the fence in? _____
13. Is there any way a small (10 pound) dog could escape from the yard? _____
14. Have their pets escaped in the past? _____
15. Have they been able to correct the behavior or were they forced to give the pet away? _____

16. Is there a doggie door? _____
17. Describe their neighborhood and street. _____

18. What kind of neighbors do they have? _____

19. Do any of the immediate neighbors dislike pets? _____
20. How close do they to a busy street? _____

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21. Describe the interior of their home. _____

22. Describe the condition of their front and back yard. _____

23. What type of people visit their home? (kids, grandkids, step children, etc) _____

24. How do these children interact with pets? _____

25. If the applicant has children, how do they act? _____

26. Are the children respectful of the adults? _____

27. Are the adults respectful of the children? _____

28. How do the children treat their current pets? _____

29. What is the applicant's experience with puppies? _____

30. What is the applicant's experience with aging pets? _____

31. Would you trust the applicant to care for your own dog(s) in their home while you are out of town? _____

32. If not, please elaborate. _____

33. Are there any other comments you would like to add about the applicant? _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you! We will begin processing the application once we have received this questionnaire.