



Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota

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Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota is a group of dedicated volunteers committed to the rescue, fostering and rehoming of Shih Tzus and Shih Tzu mixes. We believe it is important for the members of our group to be friendly, respectful and supportive of all the volunteers in our group.

As a volunteer, you will be helping to save the lives of the dogs we rescue and also sharing our mission with the public.

Please fill out the application below so we can know more about you and your volunteer interests. Thank you!

Name:

Your Age:

Address (including city, state and zip code):

Home phone:

Email:

The best time to reach me is _____

The best way to reach me is: ___phone ___email

I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- Foster Care
- Events and Activities
- Fundraising (grant writing, exploring and soliciting funding sources)
- Transport (driving your car to pick up a rescued dog and take him to his new foster home)
- Foster Support (taking dog to the vet or groomer, short term fostering etc.) You need to be available during the day.
- Graphic Design-making up flyers/posters

I would like to volunteer with Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota because:

I have talents and education that would be useful in the following areas:

Please share any other information with us that would help us to know you as a volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer for Foster Care, please fill out the following:

Please note that fostering a dog is a commitment that will require extra time from you....sticking with the dog until he/she is adopted. It will require patience and diligence in the dog's vetting, rehabilitation & training. STRMN will pay for food, vetting, and provide you with a harness and leash for the dog; we also have other dog supplies like gates and beds if you need it; but we cannot at this time pay for any transportation/gas costs incurred. We will also ask you to bring the dog to our PetCo Meet and Greet once a month. We will also ask you to be available for a Foster Home Orientation class and more advanced trainings throughout the year. Before you say "yes" to take a foster dog, please consider these things. You are never obligated to take a dog if you feel you cannot follow through with him/her.

Type of dwelling: House Townhouse Apartment Other

If you live in a rental unit, we will need a letter from your landlord granting authority to foster a rescued dog on the property.

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No

Please describe the type of fence you have:

Are you physically able to walk/exercise a dog 2 times a day? _____ Can you commit to doing so? _____

Do you have a space in your home to quarantine a foster dog if necessary?

Yes No

Are you a smoker? No Yes Yes, but not in the house **OR** in the car

(Allergies/breathing issues prevent most of these dogs with short noses from being in homes/cars with smokers)

Please list all the residents in your house (including yourself) and their **ages**:

Number of hours your foster dog will be left alone during the day: _____

Where will the dog stay when you are gone?

If you work full-time, if need be, could you come home at lunch or have someone check on the dog for you?

Other pets in your household (species, breed, sex, spayed/neutered, and age)

Tell us about the pets you have had in the past **and** what happened to them.

Please let us know about the types of dogs you would like to foster: Please consider the time factor, exercise factor, and your experience with dogs! We don't want you to have any "surprises"!

No preference

Dogs with special medical needs (we offer support!)

Dogs with behavioral needs (we offer support and professional training help!)

Senior dogs (age 10 or over)

Dogs over age 3

Dogs under age 3

Do you have a gender preference? No Yes Male Female

How often would you like to foster a dog for rescue during the year (there is no wrong answer!)

_____ once _____ 2-3 times a year _____ as often as you need a foster home

Will you foster more than 1 dog at a time? _____Yes _____No

Are you familiar with the grooming, dietary and medical needs of Shih Tzus? ____Yes ____ Need more education

Is there any other information you would like to share with us about your desire to foster, or the type of Shih Tzu you would like to foster?

References

We need **all** volunteers to fill out this part of our application. Please give us the names of three references we can contact for information about you, your family and pets. **If you have a veterinarian and groomer, You must include them in your references.**

Reference 1-**Veterinarian/Groomer**:

Name:
Address:
Phone:

Reference 2:

Name:
Phone:
Relationship to you:

Reference 3:

Name:
Phone:
Relationship to you:

Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota Confidentiality Agreement

The volunteer acknowledges that he/she may gain access to Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota's confidential and proprietary information, including, without limitation, mailing lists, personal information related to home addresses and telephone numbers of other volunteers and supporters of Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota, information regarding Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota's relationship with shelters, and its policies and procedures. By agreeing to be a volunteer for Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota, the volunteer agrees that he/she will not at any time disclose confidential information to any person or entity who is not an active Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota volunteer. The volunteer agrees that this confidentiality provision shall survive regardless of whether or not the volunteer ceases his/her participation in and support of Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota.

_____ has read the above Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota Volunteer Guidelines and agrees to comply with them.

Release and Hold Harmless

I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all activities, tasks or duties that I perform for Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota in my volunteer capacity. I also understand that the behavior of domestic animals may be unpredictable. Knowing the risk of handling domestic animals, I agree to assume those risks and to release, discharge and hold harmless Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota, its volunteers, agents, officers and directors, and its or their successors, from any and all liability, claims and damages arising out of or as a consequence of, any injury or damages that may result to me or members of my household from any activity connected with volunteer activities for Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota.

____ I agree to the above terms

Signed _____ Date _____