

# Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota, Adoption Application

#### P.O. Box 46562 Eden Prairie, MN 55344 Email: <u>SHTZRMN@yahoo.com</u> (STRMN does not allow a person to apply for a dog to give as a gift)

\*\*\*When adopting a puppy, you are under obligation to have the pet spayed or neutered at 6 months of age, send STRMN a copy of the invoice from the Vet Clinic where the procedure was done, and then a \$150 refund/rebate will be sent back to you. (\$470 adoption Fee on all puppies: plus \$150 refundable Spay/Neuter deposit = \$620 Total Upfront Adoption Fee)

Personal	Information:

Your Name/or Co-Applicants name	)
Address:	
City, State, Zipcode:	
Phone Numbers: Home	Work
E-Mail address:	Best time to reach you:

Your Occupation/Work Place:

Household members, and their ages (including yourself):

Do you have children other than those living at home, or grandchildren that would be visiting frequently?

Briefly tell us why you want to adopt a puppy from STRMN:

<u>Housing:</u> Do you Rent Own					
Single Family home	_ Townhome/Condo_	Apartment_			
Do you have a Fenced in yard' If No, how will the Puppy get th			of fence		
Does your home have a swimr	ning pool? Yes	No Is it fenced	? Yes	No	-
Do you have restrictions regard	ding pets in your associ	iation or neighborhood?	Yes	_ No	_Don't know
Does your town or city have re	strictions on the numbe	er of pets you can own?	Yes	_ No	Don't know
Are you planning on moving in	the near future? Yes _	No			
If and when you move, will you	look for housing where	e pets are allowed?			

Are there smokers in your household? \_\_No \_\_Yes \_\_Yes, but not in the house, OR in the car with pets (This breed has very short nasal passages, and because of this can be prone to respiratory and allergy issues. STRMN does NOT allow adoptions to homes with smokers. The dog's future health is our priority.)

# Preferences:

Which particular puppy we have up for adoption that you are interested in?

Would interested in adopting a pair? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a Shih Tzu before? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

# Care and Responsibility

Are you aware of the special grooming and common health problems of the Shih Tzu breed? Yes No
Are you willing to pay a groomer to groom your Shih Tzu every 6-8 weeks? Yes No
Are you willing to brush your dog's coat daily, & clean the eyes daily if necessary? Yes No
Can you commit to providing all necessary medical care for this dog for its lifetime? Yes No
What provisions would you make for this dog if you were unable to care for it any longer?
How many hours would your dog be left alone each day:
Where will your dog be kept during the hours it is left alone?
If necessary, would you be able to come home after 4 hours to left the dog out to relieve itself, or make arrangements for someone else to do so? Yes No
Where will your Shih Tzu sleep at night?
How long will your Shih Tzu be left outside?
Who will have primary responsibility for caring for the dog?
Does anyone in your home have allergies? Yes No
What will you do if a family member or current pet does not get along with your new Shih Tzu?
Are you willing to housetrain your Shih Tzu in your home? Yes No

Describe your method of discipline and training for a dog:

Who will watch your dog when you are out of town or on vacation?

## History of Pet Ownership

What dogs do you **currently** have? (please include name of dog, breed, gender, whether spayed or neutered, age, how long owned, and where kept)—what year did you get them?

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Do you have any other pets? If yes, please describe:

\*\*Upon the advice of our Canine Eye Specialist, we are hesitant about adopting Shih Tzu into homes with cats that are not declawed. Shih Tzu have protruding eyes, & a cat's natural defense & method of playing is using their paws/claws-making it very easy for a cornea to get scratched, however each home will be evaluated individually in this regard.

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Please list all the dogs **you have had in the past** & explain what happened to them. Please include name of dog, breed, gender, whether spayed/neutered, age, how long owned (the years in which you owned them), & what happened to them:

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2.

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# **References:**

Please provide <u>THREE</u> references, (includes your Veterinarian and Groomer if you have one). Only 1 relative may be used. If you rent, you **must** include your landlord as a 4<sup>th</sup> reference. Please contact your references to let them know they may be called.

## Veterinarian/Clinic: Best time to call is:

Name:	
Address	3:
Phone:	

Groomer: Best time to call is: Name: Address: Phone:

Landlord: Best time to call is: Name: Address: Phone:

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