



Southern California Keeshond Rescue, Inc.
A 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT RESCUE ORGANIZATION
ADOPTION APPLICATION

To insure that the dog you eventually adopt will be best suited to your home and lifestyle, please answer all of the following questions completely and honestly. Your answers will enable us to find the best possible match between you and one of our dogs available for adoption. Our primary responsibility to our dogs is to search for the best possible home for each one. While the looks or the age of a particular dog may appeal to you, please know prior to submitting your application that our responsibility to our dogs to find the right home for them will always take precedence over an applicant's request for a specific dog. We do consider all requests as well as make suggestions for the best possible match for you, your family and your lifestyle. Our goal is for you and the dog you adopt to be happy together for the dog's lifetime.

We appreciate your patience as we make every effort to place each of our rescue dogs in the home that is the best match for the dog. It will take up to 4-6 weeks for our volunteers to process your application. Please note that an incomplete application will not be considered.

Personal/Family Information:

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Best time to call: _____ home work Occupation: _____

Spouse/partner's name _____ Age _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____ Occupation: _____

married single living together living w/parents

Who lives in your household? Please include yourself and all others by name and age. _____

Do you plan to have children in the next few years? _____ Are you frequently visited

by children? _____ Do children have access to your home when you are not home? _____

Does everyone in the household agree with adopting a Keeshond? _____

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? _____

Is anyone in your household afraid of dogs? _____

Is anyone in your household elderly or frail? _____

Does anyone in your household have any health conditions, physical limitations, or other special needs that we should consider in finding the right dog for you? Please explain. _____

Who will be responsible for:

Feeding _____ Exercise _____
Vet care _____ Training _____ Cleaning up _____

Do you live in a: house condo apartment other _____

Do you own your own home? yes no Do you rent? yes no

If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord to own a dog? _____

Are there restrictions on the size of the dog? yes no Are there restrictions on the weight of the dog? yes no If yes, what are they? _____

Landlord's name: _____ Telephone _____

Do you have a yard? _____ Size _____ Type of fence _____ Height _____

Type of latches _____ Can children open gates? _____

Have you inspected the fence for holes the dog might get through? _____

Do you have a pool? yes no Can the dog get to it? yes no If yes, what provisions will you make for the dog's safety? _____

Do you have close neighbors who may be adversely affected by a barking dog? _____

Will you allow us to visit your home? _____

Are you planning to move in the near future? yes no If you had to move, would you have to give up your pets? yes no Why or why not? _____

Your Dog Experience:

Why have you decided to get a dog at this time? _____

Why have you decided on a Keeshond? _____

Have you had a Keeshond before? yes no

Have you researched the breed? yes no

Are you considering other breeds? yes no Which ones? _____

Briefly explain what you understand to be the needs of the Keeshond. _____

Please give a detailed description of your experience training dogs. _____

List all pets you currently own.

Dogs:

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered

How long have you owned this dog? _____ Where did you get him/her? _____

Do you still have this dog? If not, what happened to it? _____

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Are all dogs current on shots? yes no On heartworm preventative? yes no

Cats:

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered
How long have you owned this cat? _____ Where did you get him/her? _____
Do you still have this cat? _If not, what happened to it? _____

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How long have you owned this at? _____ Where did you get him/her? _____
Do you still have this cat? _If not, what happened to it? _____

Are all cats current on shots? yes no Are they indoors outdoors both

Other pets: _____

List ALL pets you have had in the past. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered
How long did you own this pet? _____ Where did you get him/her? _____
What happened to it? (Be specific) _____

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered
How long did you own this pet? _____ Where did you get him/her? _____
What happened to it? (Be specific) _____

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What happened to it? (Be specific) _____

Has your pet ownership ever caused you to be in a court situation? yes no If yes, please explain: _____

Veterinarian used in the past 5 years:

May we ask this vet for a reference? yes no

Name: _____ Hospital _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Have you ever:

- Had a pet stolen from you? yes no
- Had a pet that disappeared? yes no
- Had a pet that was poisoned? yes no
- Had a pet that was hit by a vehicle? yes no
- Had a pet that died of a disease? yes no
- Have you ever gotten rid of a pet? yes no

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain in detail. _____

Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter or rescue group before? yes no
If yes, please give the name and address of the shelter/rescue group as a reference. _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter or rescue group? yes no If yes, please describe the circumstances. _____

Your dog plans:

Where will the dog stay during the day? _____

Where will the dog stay during the night? _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

How long will the dog be alone (without humans)? _____ hours per day _____ days per week

How will the dog receive exercise? _____

When you travel (vacations, business, etc.), what are your plans for the dog's care? _____

Are there any areas of your home where the dog will not be allowed? (please specify) _____

Will the dog be allowed on the furniture? yes no

What type of dog activities do you plan to participate in with this dog? _____

Are you planning to enroll your dog in an obedience/training class? _____
How much time and effort are you willing/able to spend training your dog? _____

How will you discipline your dog? _____

How much are you able/willing to spend on vet care for a dog each year? _____
What do you see as the normal vet care requirements of a dog? _____

Do you know how to care for a Keeshond's coat and trim its nails? _____

Are you aware that a Keeshond may bark to protect its territory, may be relatively active, has a heavy coat that requires regular grooming, and sheds? yes no

Are you aware that the Keeshond is bred to be a family companion; therefore, it needs attention and human companionship, and may develop behavior problems if left alone for long periods of time? yes no

We take our dogs back at any time if the people are unable to keep them. Under what circumstances might you need to return the dog? _____

References:

Please list at least two people who are knowledgeable about your care of dogs. If possible, please include people in the dog community (for example, a trainer, groomer or rescue person.) **Please do not list family members.**

1. Name: _____ Telephone: _____ email _____
Relationship to you _____ Relationship to dogs _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone: _____ email _____
Relationship to you _____ Relationship to dogs _____

3. Name: _____ Telephone: _____ email _____
Relationship to you _____ Relationship to dogs _____

Your preferences:

Do you prefer a: male female either is okay What age do you prefer? _____
Will you consider:

An older dog? yes no A younger dog? yes no A Keeshond mix? yes no
A dog with a physical problem that might be controlled or cured with the use of drugs or surgery? _____

A dog with an emotional problem that might be controlled or cured with training, behavior modification or medication? _____

What personality traits do you want your dog to have? _____

After researching the breed, are there any traits in the breed that you prefer to avoid?

Thank you for your interest in adopting one of our Keeshond Rescue dogs. Please understand that we limit adoptions to Southern California. We do not place dogs as gifts. We will not adopt a dog to a person who has not met the dog. The person with whom the dog will live must meet the dog and sign our adoption contract.

We require an adoption fee of \$300--\$475 to help defray expenses for veterinary care, spay/neuter, shelter fees and foster care. The adoption fee is not refundable under any circumstances. We have a very limited budget. Donations in addition to the adoption fee are greatly appreciated. We are a 501c(3) organization--donations are tax-deductible.

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by me is true and complete. I recognize that any misrepresentation of that information will result in my losing the privilege of adopting a rescued Keeshond. I understand that Southern California Keeshond Rescue, Inc. reserves the right and sole discretion to refuse an adoption to anyone for any reason, without explanation. I authorize checking of all information provided by this application.

Signature of applicant

Signature of co-applicant

Print name

Print name

Date

Date

Return this application to: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KEESHOND RESCUE, INC.
PO-BX 735
RHOME, TX 76078-0735

Or by email to:
adopt@foreverkees.org

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