



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

To ensure 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/neutered   
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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? \_\_\_\_\_

**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/neutered   
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) \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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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--\$600 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 501(c)(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.

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Signature of applicant

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Signature of co-applicant

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Print name

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Print name

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Date

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Date

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

Or by email to:  
[socalkeeshondrescue@gmail.com](mailto:socalkeeshondrescue@gmail.com)