

## **Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue Senior Dog Program Effective July 1, 2001, Revised March , 2006**

This program was developed with the dog's best interest at heart. I think there are a lot of nice senior dogs available, but sometimes people are leery about adopting them because of possible future vet bills. This program might help eliminate that fear and find great forever homes for our elderly shelties.

### **In order to qualify for the program, the dog in custody of WSR must:**

1. Be 10 years or older
2. Have been in the rescue program for at least 30 days
3. Be easily adopted other than the fact that he/she is elderly.

### **In order to qualify for the program, the ADOPTER must:**

1. Have a current approved application on file
2. Be strong enough to know that you might not have your friend for too long, but willing to make at least a five year commitment to him/her anyway.

### **Here's how the program works.**

People who adopt senior dogs for the regular elderly adoption fee of \$50 (lifetime guarantee included) are responsible for the yearly maintenance items of the dog which include.

1. Food
2. Medical care that is routine such as vaccinations, HW test and preventative, flea and tick preventative.
3. Regular supplies for the dog such as toys, beds or other necessities.

### **Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue will take responsibility for any vet bills\*\* that are not routine and directly related to the dog being elderly. These may include**

1. Medicine that the dog is in need of
2. Treatment for arthritis or any problems relating to the dog being elderly.
3. Euthanasia of the dog at a time when both myself, the veterinarian, and the adopter feel it is appropriate.

\*\* Due to the drastically reduced rates that I receive, the only way that this program is financially feasible is if the adopted dog continues to be a patient of the official veterinarian of Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue. Any and all visits that are not routine that WSR will be financially responsible for, must be to Appanasha Pet Clinics, Appleton, Wisconsin, except in the case of an emergency where the adopter would be able to take the dog to their own vet. Another option would be for long distance adopters to take the dog to their own vet and WSR would reimburse for costs equaling what it would have been at Appanasha Pet Clinics with the adopter being responsible for the difference. It's possible that if you explain this program to your veterinarian, he/she might honor the rates that WSR receives.

### **How this program will be funded**

A special separate fund will be set up to help with this program and those funds will come from the following sources.

1. Adoption fees received from the seniors
2. Memorial donations sent in from previous adopters or other people to honor their lost senior dog.
3. Donations from WSR supporters earmarked for the "WSR Senior Sheltie Program".

If you have any questions about the program or would like to participate, please contact me!!!