

## **Shelby's Story**

When Shelby came to us on the afternoon of December 28th her future was unknown and we were focused on getting through one day at a time. Now, a month later her physical injuries are in the final steps of healing well and she is ready to move on to the next step in her young life!

Shelby was brought to our clinic after falling off of an overpass onto a busy interstate. After stabilizing her, we took radiographs and ran blood work. Her radiographs showed us that she had a pretty nasty looking fracture to her left elbow. This fracture was one that would require a specialist surgery, multiple weeks in a cast and months of rehabilitation after. With the generous help of our community and animal lovers across the nation we were able to raise enough money to pay for her care! We were so grateful and amazed at the outpouring of support for such a sweet girl. Shelby's surgery went smoothly and she did well in her cast in the weeks following. Today, she is cast-free and is beginning her rehabilitation and therapy!

As for Shelby's future, she is going to need a very special, loving home! Unfortunately, because of the extent of the fracture she will have arthritis the rest of her life. Currently, she has started taking daily supplements, which will continue throughout her life and will change based on her pain level. Shelby has also just started her rehabilitation and therapy program, which will last at least 12-20 more weeks. Her therapy program will require her to be dropped off with us in the morning and picked up later that day two to three full days a week for the duration of her program. Looking into the future, Shelby may also need addition medications and alternative therapies (acupuncture, more rehabilitation, etc.) to help manage her pain. Additionally, during her surgery, a metal plate was placed in her elbow to stabilize the joint and promote correct healing. This plate is designed to stay in place for her whole life, but there is a possibility that her body may one day reject the plate and cause an infection. If this occurs, Shelby will need to undergo another surgery to remove her plate. Of course Shelby will always need her routine veterinary visits for her vaccines, exam, heart worm test, and preventative care, on top of her special needs. As with everything else, things are constantly changing, and while we hope this is the extent of Shelby's medical needs, as she ages there is always the possibility of other sicknesses, injuries and disease that will require medical attention.

We hope that by being up front about Shelby's medical needs we can help you make an educated decision on if she would be a good fit for you and your family. If you are interested in Shelby, please complete the form below and return it to Community Pet Healthcare. You may fax, email, mail, or drop the form off in person.

**\*ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th AT 6PM!\***

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## **Community Pet Healthcare Adoption Application**

*After submitting your application, it will be reviewed. Community Pet Healthcare is consulting with several individuals to choose the best home fit for Shelby. Applicants will be chosen to have a mandatory home visit. When a home is chosen, there will be a \$150 adoption fee.*

Applicant's Name:

Address:

House, Condo, Apartment, Duplex, Mobile Home?

Rent or Own?

If renting do you have your landlord's permission to get a dog? Do they have a pet policy?

Landlord's name & Phone number:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

Occupation:

Name and ages of all who live in your home and their relationship with the applicant:

Have you or anyone in the house been convicted or animal abuse/cruelty?

Are all in agreement to adopt a new dog at this time?

Is anyone in the house allergic to animals?

Dogs and children should not be left unsupervised. Are you prepared to supervise all interactions between your children and Shelby?

How do you see Shelby fitting into your family?

Please list all other animals in the house currently, their ages, if they are spayed/neutered, and how long they have been with you:

What is the name and phone number of your current veterinarian?

Besides the animals currently you have in your house, please list any other animals you have had in the past 5 years. Please list their names, how long they were with you, and why they are no longer with you.

What is a typical weekday like in your house? (Describe school/work routines etc.)

What is a typical weekend like? (Activities/events and any other things that encompass a weekend with you)

Where do you see Shelby staying when you are not at home?

Where will Shelby sleep at night?

Are you familiar with crate training? Potty Training?

Have you ever worked with a dog that had a behavior problem before? If yes, please explain.

Are you willing to work with a dog that may have correctable behavior problems?

What method would you use to correct inappropriate behavior?

A dog can live to be 10-20 years old, how long do you plan on keeping Shelby?

What will happen to Shelby if you move to another home?

Knowing that Shelby has known medical issues are you willing and able to provide necessary treatment? Explain.

Would cost be a factor?

Any other questions/comments?

Please sign here:

X\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

By signing above you are acknowledging that you:

- Have completed this application honestly and to the best of your ability.
- Understand Shelby's known medical issues.
- Are submitting to a home visit as part of the next step in the adoption process.
- Are aware of the \$150 adoption fee.

**Community Pet Healthcare reserves the right to place Shelby in a home that best suites her particular needs; medical, behavioral, and other.**