



**A Better English Setter Rescue  
To All Applicants and Foster Home Applicants**

When an application is submitted, you will receive a phone call for an initial interview. The next step is to check your references and then a home visit will be scheduled.

No one can speak for any dog until they are approved and spoken with the foster home. Both foster home and applicant must agree to the adoption. Our foster homes know the dogs and their needs best, therefore have the final decision as to who adopts their foster.

We do NOT hold dogs for anyone. We have had people who were disappointed that they did not get the dog they initially applied for, but the ones who hung in there with us would not change a thing now that they have their ABESR Dog.

Signature is implied and assumed on e-mail & online Adoption Applications. The fee for adoption is \$325 for dogs one year of age or older. The fee is \$425 for puppies up to one year old. The adoption fee for Special Needs dogs is considered on a case by case basis. The fee for Senior dogs age 7 and older is on a sliding scale, starting at \$275, or \$175.00 for a senior adopter through our Patti's Seniors 4 Seniors Program. We have made every attempt to keep our adoption fees low, despite the rising costs associated with spaying and neutering, immunizations, and other routine care. In some instances, our adoption fee does not come close to the medical costs associated before an adoption takes place. We do feel however, that our adoption fee is still less than if the adopter had to pay these expenses out of their pocket. Also remember we include the first year of complete pet recovery protection for your dog with your adoption fee through Sparky Tags. If your dog is microchipped, you MUST update that information as soon as possible. If you opt to pay the adoption fee by PayPal, make your payment to PayPal account [abetter@abettersetter.org](mailto:abetter@abettersetter.org) and include an additional \$10 PayPal processing fee.

**You must be at least 18 years old to apply to adopt an ABESR Setter.  
Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

**Personal Information**

Is there a specific dog or dogs that may interest you?  
If so, please specify their names:

_____	_____
Applicant Name	Age
Address	City, State Zip
Email	_____
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
Preferred Phone to call and best time to contact you?	_____
Your Employer Name, Occupation and Phone Number:	

**Home Information**

Spouse or Partner's Name:	_____
Spouse or Partner's Age:	_____
Employer and Phone Number:	_____



<b>Please indicate your preference with and X. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.</b>	
Do you own or rent your home? Renters we will ask for a copy of your lease. If no lease, we will need to speak with your landlord.	Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/>
Please describe the area you live in.	Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/>
Please list name, ages, and relationships of all members of your household that may be there on a semi regular basis.	
Do you have plans to move in the next year?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Even if you don't have plans at this time for moving in the future what considerations would you make regarding your dog(s) and any other pets should you find yourself needing to move from where you now live?	
Do you have a fenced yard?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, please select your fence type.	Chain Link <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy <input type="checkbox"/> Invisible <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
If Other is selected, please elaborate.	
If you do not have a fence, kennel, or run how will exercising/toileting be handled?	

**Pets**

Current Pets. Please include breed, sex, and age.	
Past pets. Please include breed and reason no longer in household (died & cause, lost, given away, etc.):	
How many years have you owned dogs and what do you know about canine behavior?	
Are your pets spayed or neutered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever adopted a rescue dog before?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever turned a pet into a shelter or rescue?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, please indicate reasons why.	

**English Setter Breed and Care**

What brought you to the English Setter Breed?	
Do you prefer a male, female, or no preference?	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> No preference <input type="checkbox"/>



Do You have a color preference?	Yes	No
Blue (black)                      Orange (liver)	Tricolor (black, orange & white)	no preference
If you have more than one color preference, please indicate.		
Do You have an age preference? If so what?		
Activity Level Preference	Active	Normal
	Laid Back	Moderate
		No preference
Would you consider a special needs English Setter?	Yes	No
		Probably
Would you consider a Senior English Setter?	Yes	No
		Possibly
Where will this English Setter sleep?		
During a normal work or school day, how many hours will this English Setter be home alone?		
Where will this English Setter be kept when no one is home?		
Who will be the primary caretaker for this English Setter?		
Have you ever taken a dog to obedience classes?	Yes	No
Do you plan on taking your English Setter to obedience classes?	Yes	No
		Possibly
Do you own a dog crate or have experience using one?		
If you plan on having children in the future what will you do with your English Setter?		
What would make you return your adopted dog?		
How did you find ABESR?	Internet Search	Petfinder
	Referred By	Other
If you were referred to us, by whom? If you found us another way, please let us know.		

**Veterinarian**

***Please contact your veterinarian to allow them to speak to us regarding the medical care for your pet(s).***

Name and Address of your <b>PRIMARY</b> Veterinarian	
Phone Number:	
Is the account listed under your name?	Yes                      No
If no, under whose name is it listed?	
How long have you been a client?	From _____ To _____



Please identify and provide contact information for any other veterinarians you have used for the past three years.	Phone Number:
	Phone Number:
	Phone Number:
May we contact your Veterinarian?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If No, Why?	
Do you vaccinate at home or use alternative and/or holistic care?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, please explain.	
Do you administer heartworm preventative monthly? Proof required from vet or mail order receipts.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If No, please explain.	

**References**

List two references you have known for at least 3 years, excluding Relatives and Veterinarian.	Reference #1: Name Address Phone Number Email Address
	Reference #2: Name Address Phone Number Email Address
Since we are looking for commitment in our adopters, how far are you willing to drive to pick up your English Setter (hours or miles)? <i>Note we do not deliver our dogs to adopters.</i>	
A Better English Setter Group expects to interview every Potential Adopter, their references and conduct a home visit. Do you agree to all?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please tell us why you think you would be a good candidate to adopt an English Setter from A Better English Setter Rescue?	
<b>My Family and I agree to accept these terms. Please Initial _____.</b>	
<b>Any dog adopted through A Better English Setter Rescue must be returned to us. They cannot be transferred, without ABESR's permission, to another person or rescue. Initials: _____</b>	



I agree by Initialing this line that typing my name is the same as signing your name to this legal document. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to A Better English Setter Rescue and its Agents to type my name to this document, causing it to be the same as my legal signature on this document. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Financial and Physical Verification**

I certify that I am financially able to care for a Setter. This includes, but is not limited to, veterinary care, food, bedding, toys, crate, and other supplies and services which can be costly depending on the needs of the dog.

I also certify that I am physically able to care for a Setter, including all the necessary activities for the dog's physical and behavioral health.

I hereby certify that I am able to meet these financial and physical requirements. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Permission to Investigate**

By submitting this application to A Better English Setter Rescue I grant permission to investigate my answers and to contact anyone I have listed. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

There are times that A Better English Setter Rescue may not be able to place a dog in states in the Western U.S. or some Canadian provinces. Those states would include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming. However, we request that you fill out our application in hopes that we may be able to place a dog in your area. If this is not the case, we will notify you within 48 hours. Thank You.

**A Better English Setter Rescue reserves the right to refuse any applicant or potential adopter, at any time, whom we feel may not be an appropriate home for an English Setter.**

**Before submitting your application be certain it is fully completed. If not, this could delay our ability to review it in a timely manner. Thank You.**

**Please print this page for your records before submitting your application.**

**If you do not receive a call within 48 hours from our group, please e-mail our President. His/her e-mail address can be found on the [About Us page](http://abettersetter.org/AboutUs.html) (<http://abettersetter.org/AboutUs.html>.)**



We use Sparky pet tags as our 24/7 recovery system for lost dogs. We stand by this system 100% and have seen lost dogs back in their owner's care within 15 minutes! Your adopted dog will already have a PetShepherd NC tag on. We include 1 year of complete pet recovery protection for your dog with our adoption fee.

After 1 year, Sparky will remind you to renew and choose a coverage plan. It is important to us your dog is protected as well, so ABESR's important phone numbers will always be associated with our adopted dogs as a last resort of contact! If you are unreachable, we will not be, so you can always be assured your dog gets back

to you safe and sound. 