



STOLA

Saluki Tree of Life Alliance

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An IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity.

Please complete this form and return the original to the address above. You may retain a copy for your records if desired.

Volunteer Questionnaire

We have selected the name STOLA—Saluki Tree of Life Alliance because we are about life, we have many branches and our roots are compassion, integrity and respect. We are inclusive of cooperative placement and education which are natural companions. Our ultimate goal is to reduce the number of Salukis needing rehoming by providing a better understanding of what it is like to live with a Saluki and to provide the support and guidance which can prevent behavior problems from occurring. STOLA is a national IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity. All members of STOLA are unsalaried volunteers. All donations go directly toward the support of our placement and education programs.

Please answer the following questions honestly and to whatever extent you wish to elaborate. You may continue any question on a separate sheet of paper if necessary and attach to this form.

Your Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Residence Address:

City, State, Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-mail Address:

1. What do your dogs mean to you? Describe your relationship with your dog.

2. Give a description of how your dog spends the day and night.

3. Do you consider your dog a member of the family? Please explain.

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4. When making major life decisions, what weight would you give to the welfare of your Saluki?

5. Can you always place the welfare of the dog first when working with a Saluki placement?
Please explain.

6. Can you treat a placement dog with the same care and compassion as one of your own cherished pets?

7. What is your profession?

8. What skills or talents do you have that might benefit STOLA?

9. What services would you be able to offer STOLA as a volunteer? (Examples: foster home, transportation, phone relay, grooming, boarding, veterinary services, fundraising support, etc., etc., etc. Your suggestions are always welcome.

10. How far from your central location would you be willing or able to travel in order to aid STOLA?

11. Do you have a sighthound-experienced veterinarian, a good boarding kennel, or a good groomer you would like to recommend in your area? If so, please include name, address, and phones here.

12. Do you have friends or contacts in the Saluki community? If so, please list.

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STOLA Philosophy and Policies

1. Every dog has the right to a safe, loving home.
2. The welfare of the dog always comes first. No exceptions. All decisions made about the disposition of the dog must support this belief.
3. When a dog is in need, the first order of business is to move the dog to a safe location, i.e. veterinarian, boarding kennel or foster home as the situation dictates.
4. When the dog has been placed in a safe location, every attempt should be made to locate the dog's legal owner/breeder.
5. No dog will ever be placed in an abusive or neglectful environment for any reason. If the legal owner/ breeder of the dog is found to have an abusive or neglectful environment then the dog will not be returned to that environment and the volunteer will contact STOLA Support Council. Together they will investigate all legal means of protecting the dog. The welfare of the dog is always the first priority.
6. If, after a reasonable period of time, the legal owner/breeder cannot be located, then the dog will be neutered or spayed before being placed in a pre-screened adoptive home.
7. All volunteers operate under the supervision of their Regional Coordinator and Support Council.
8. All communications and actions will be based on compassion, integrity and respect.
9. Each situation is different; flexibility is essential. Volunteers are encouraged to use their discretion in rehoming situations, keeping in mind that the welfare of the dog comes first.

STOLA is only as good as its volunteers. Be great! The Salukis deserve our very best.

I agree to the above terms and conditions and by signing this form make application to become a STOLA volunteer.

Signed:

Dated: