

ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A GSD RESCUE

Your answers to this questionnaire will help us to match your needs with the German Shepherd Dogs in our program.

Please Print!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: DAY () _____ EVENING: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Employer: _____

How long _____ Phone _____

Spouse's Employer: _____

How long _____ Phone _____

Please list two references:

Name 1: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name 2: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check your preference:

1. Sex: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Either

2. Color: _____ Black/tan _____ Black/silver _____ Solid Black
 _____ White _____ Sable _____ no preference

3. Age: _____ under 1 year _____ 2 - 4 years _____ no preference
 _____ 1 – 2 years _____ over 4 years

4. Who is this German Shepherd for?

5. Have you owned a German Shepherd or any dog before? (If yes, please provide a brief history on the back of the page)

6. What is it about German Shepherd Dogs that has generated your interest in the breed?

7. What other breeds have you considered?

8. What are the THREE characteristics you find most appealing about a new German Shepherd? (Choose three and number the choices: 1 = best; 2 = 2nd best; 3 = 3rd best)

_____ active _____ protective _____ calm _____ aggressive

_____ playful _____ dominant _____ intelligent _____ submissive

_____ independent _____ shy _____ loving

_____ other _____

9. To facilitate the bonding process we recommend every new German Shepherd should attend some introductory obedience training. Would a formal obedience training program be something you, as a new owner, would be interested in participating in? (If NO, please provide a brief explanation.)

_____ YES _____ NO, because _____

10. What kind of work or behaviors do you expect of this dog?

11. What would be your response if he made a mistake?

12. What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training him?

13. What is your definition of disciplining a dog?

What is your initial reaction to the idea of disciplining your dog?

14. Which of the following best describes your current residence? (Check one)

Own a home

Rent/Lease a home

Own/rent/lease a townhome (multiple family dwelling)

Other _____

(Please note: If you rent/lease your residence a copy of the lease will be requested before the adoption is finalized.)

15. Do you have a fence? Type _____
Height _____

Is the fence secure and solid? _____

What type of gates? _____

Can children open the gates? _____

16. What kind of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard?

17. Are you willing to make the improvements? _____

When and how long will it take?

18. If you have a pool, is it fenced?

19. If you have a dog run, is it secure?

20. If you do not have access to a fenced area, would you like your rescue representative to provide recommendations on the safe confinement of your dog?

_____ Yes

_____ No, because I already have made the following arrangements
(describe):

21. Have you checked the yard for dangerous articles, plants or anything the dog could use to climb the fence?

22. Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard that could plague the dog, such as neighbors' dogs, loose dogs on the street, mischievous children?

23. Can strangers gain access to your yard?

24. Approximately how many hours a day will your new German Shepherd be alone? Check one:

_____ 3 hours or less

_____ more than 3 hours but less than 6

_____ more than 6 hours but less than 12

_____ more than 12, but less than 18

_____ more than 18, but less than 24

25. How many people currently live at your residence? (Please list each below)

Name

Relation to You

Age

26. Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your German Shepherd?

27. Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a German Shepherd?

28. Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy that you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a German Shepherd?

29. Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and children can gain admittance to your home, property or car without your supervision?

30. If you have children, are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a German Shepherd?

31. Are you willing to teach the children the proper way to handle a live animal?

32. Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all your children's friends?

33. Does everyone in the family want a dog?

34. What is your family's overall reaction to owning a dog?

What members are enthusiastic?

Unenthusiastic?

What complaints have been made?

35. Have you and your family considered that a dog lives for years? Are you willing to accept the commitment?

36. Have you considered the financial cost of dog ownership?

Are you financially prepared to give your dog the routine medical care it requires?

37. Have you carefully considered how the dog will fit into your lifestyle?

38. Do you intend to keep the dog primarily indoors or outdoors? Please elaborate.

39. Where will the dog sleep at night?

40. What animals currently live in the household? (Please list)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Pet</u>	<u>Sex/Age</u>	<u>How long owned</u>	<u>Kept Where</u>

41. Have you had any complaints about your pet? Please elaborate.

42. Does anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals?

_____ NO _____ YES (please provide a brief explanation)

43. Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your new German Shepherd?

_____ No

_____ Yes Please provide name/address/phone

44. If you answered NO to question #43, would you like your rescue representative to recommend a veterinarian in your area who is especially knowledgeable about German Shepherd Dogs?

_____ Yes

_____ No, because

45. How did you find out about our organization?

_____ Veterinarian (Name _____)

_____ Shelter (Which one _____)

_____ Newspaper (Which one _____)

_____ Website (Which one _____)

_____ Friend _____

_____ Other _____

46. Would you consider volunteering for our organization?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes, in which of the following areas?

_____ foster care

_____ transportation of animals

_____ telephone calling

_____ personal interviewing of adopting candidates

_____ computer assistance

_____ fundraising

_____ other? _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match your needs with dogs in our program.

If you have any comments or concerns about adopting a rescue German Shepherd Dog or about this program please use the back page to share them with us. We are always interested and open to your viewpoint.

We are always prepared to gratefully accept donations which help us continue to provide care to homeless German Shepherds.