

ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Your honest answers on this questionnaire will help us to match your needs with the German Shepherd Dogs in our program. Any questions asked are not meant to be intrusive, but rather are to help us determine compatibility with one of our dogs, and to insure the welfare of our rescues.

To adopt a dog, a person must be:

1. An adult with the responsibility for maintaining a household.
2. Have ID verifying address, such as a driver's license.
3. Be able to provide for the training and veterinary care of the dog and
4. Pay an adoption fee to help cover the costs of rescue care.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. IF YOU LEAVE ANY FIELDS BLANK, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Please do not fill out this application unless you are ready to adopt a dog either now or in the very near future. If you are still unsure and would like further information about our dogs or our policies, send us a direct email instead.

Date _____

Name (first, middle, last) _____

Spouse's Name(first, middle, last) _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

How long at this address? _____

Previous Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____ Cell () _____

Employer _____ How Long _____ Phone _____

Spouse's Employer _____ How Long _____ Phone _____

Please list two references: These should be people NOT related to you or living in the same household, who would be able to attest to your character and your ability to insure the welfare of an adopted dog.

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to you _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to you _____

(PRIOR to submitting your application, you MUST call your vet and authorize them to release information to us. If you have recently married/divorced, be sure that your file has been updated and matches the name you are applying under for adoption.)

Clinic Name _____

Vet's Name _____ Phone _____

Approximate date of last visit _____

Names of your animals seen by this clinic _____

Tell us a little about your lifestyle, such as are you a very active family , do you do lots of entertaining, etc. _____

How many adults in your home?

How many children? Ages: _____

Please list any step-children, grandchildren and others, including their ages, that visit on a regular basis such as weekends or vacations: _____

Do you live in a

House

Town home/Condo

Duplex

Trailer

Apartment

Other _____

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? Yes No His name and phone _____

How large is your yard? _____ Is it fenced? Yes No If yes, what type and how high _____

If you do not have a fenced yard, how will you keep your dog from wandering off? _____

Do all family members want a dog? Yes No

Have you ever owned a German Shepherd before? Yes No

If so, what happened to him/her? _____

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care? _____

Who will be financially responsible for the dog? _____

I understand that the dog **MUST** be kept on Heartworm Preventative medication, which will cost about \$100 per year. Yes No _____ Signature

I understand that it will require about \$750 per year to maintain the dog, which includes providing heartworm preventative, flea/tick preventative, food, and a yearly medical exam with vaccinations. Yes No _____ Signature

I understand that any intact dog **MUST** be spayed or neutered within seven days of adoption and proof of such sent to us. **Failure to do so will result in reclamation of the dog and forfeit of adoption fee.**

Yes No _____ Signature

How long will your dog be alone each day? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the day? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the night? _____

Are you familiar with the use of a crate to train and/or confine the dog in your absence? Yes No

Do you own a crate? Yes No If yes, what type _____

What other pets currently live in your household? Include type (dog/cat, etc), name and age, sex (spayed or neutered), breed, and indicate whether they belong to you or to your housemates.

For example: dog, Doc, 4 year old neutered male cocker spaniel, John Smith owner

Have you owned any other pets within the past 10 years other than those listed above? If yes, please list name, breed and sex of each and explain what happened to them and the circumstances. (i.e. died from _____, gave away because _____, etc.)

Why do you want a German Shepherd dog?

Companion
Guard dog

Gift
Personal protection

Child's companion
Other

Are you looking for a dog immediately, or can you wait for the right dog? Immediately Can Wait
The German Shepherd Dog is a working/companion dog and requires exercise, training, attention and human companionship. Are you willing to attend obedience classes with your dog? Yes No

It is our policy that **never** under any circumstances will the dog be sent away for training. Do you agree to this? Yes No _____ Signature

How do you plan on making sure your dog gets enough exercise? _____

Tell us what are you looking for in your new dog. _____

Sex (All dogs are **required** to be spayed or neutered.)

Male

Female

Either

Do you have an age preference? (Check all that apply)

Puppy only (under 6 months)

Adult

Any age

Young Adult (under 3 years)

Senior

Do you have a color preference? (Check all that apply)

Black / Tan

White

Sable

Black / Silver

Solid Black

No Preference

Black / Red

German Shepherds have three distinctly different coats. They all shed year round and require frequent brushing. Do you have a preference?

Traditional

Plush

Long hair

What characteristics do you expect in your new German Shepherd Dog?

Active

Protective

Good with kids

Playful

Dominant

Calm

Independent

Shy/docile

Intelligent

Loving

Aggressive

Submissive

Outgoing/Friendly

Good with other pets

Gentle

Easy to train

Other _____

Would you be willing to adopt a mixed breed GSD? Yes No

How did you hear about us? _____

I attest that the information I have given is accurate and true, and that upon adoption, I will **promptly** submit within the next seven days;

1. my completed adoption contract,
2. my tax deductible donation (typically \$125-\$150)
3. and proof of spay/neuter (if not done prior to adoption).

Signature and Date

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this detailed application! Please return it by email or mail.

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We will review the information you have provided and contact you when we feel we have a possible match. Visit our website on a regular basis as the list of our available dogs is frequently updated.

Submission of Application DOES NOT guarantee adoption of a dog through NTxGSRescue, Inc.