



Application for Adopter and Foster Homes

Thank you for applying to adopt or foster a rescue GSD. Please complete this application as accurately and completely as possible. If a question does not apply to you, please check the N/A box or write "N/A", otherwise we may think you did not answer it. It's OK to answer "I don't know".

There are no wrong answers to these questions. They are designed to help us determine what type of GSD would be suitable for your experience and lifestyle. If you have any questions, please email us at

adopt@germanshepherdcenter.org and we will help you.

Your Information

1. Why are you submitting this application? I am applying to be a **Foster Home** I am applying to **Adopt a GSD**

Your Name		Date	
Street Address			
City, State, ZIP Code			
Phone		Cell Phone	
E-mail Address			
Contact Method Preferred	<input type="checkbox"/> Home phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone <input type="checkbox"/> email		
Are you 21 yrs. or older?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If there is a particular dog that you are interested in, write his/her name here.			

Your Residence

2. What type of residence do you live in? House Condo Apartment Townhouse
 other (please describe).

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3. How long have you lived at this residence? _____ Years
4. Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent
5. If you rent, we require written landlord and association consent to bring animals onto property. Please provide name, address and phone of landlord or association and submit written consent with this application.

Name of Landlord/Association Rep.	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Telephone	
Written Consent Attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

6. Is your home a multifamily home? Yes No

- 7. If you live in a multifamily, would your tenants or neighbors come into contact with the GSD? Yes No N/A
- 8. Is your house a single level or multi-level residents? Single level Multiple levels
- 9. If it is a multiple levels, what floor do you live or spend most of your time? _____ Floor

Yard and Fencing

- 10. Do you have or have easy access to a fenced in yard? Yes No. **If you do not have a fenced in yard, please proceed to the next section.**
- 11. Is the fenced area attached to your house/back door? Yes No
- 12. If not attached, how far away is it? _____ ft. away from house
- 13. How big is the fenced area? _____ ft. wide by _____ ft. deep by _____ ft tall
- 14. What type of fencing (e.g., chain link, stockade, welded wire, etc.)? _____

Kennels

- 15. Do you have a kennel run? Yes No. **If you do not have a kennel, please proceed to the next section.**
- 16. Where is the kennel located? _____ feet away from house attached to the house.
- 17. What size is the size of the kennel area? _____ ft. wide by _____ ft. deep by _____ ft tall
- 18. Is the kennel area covered? Yes No

Open Yard or No Yard

- 19. How will you handle toilet duties without a fenced in area?

- 20. How will you exercise the GSD without a fenced in area?

Your Family

- 21. List everyone, including yourself, who will be living with the GSD.

Name	Age	Relationship to you

- 22. Who will be the primary caregiver for the GSD? _____

- 23. Has the primary caregiver ever had the responsibility of a dog before? Yes No

24. List everyone not living with you that your rescue GSD would usually come into contact with, including, neighborhood children, grandchildren, friends, relatives, etc. First name only is acceptable.

Name	Age	Relationship to you	Visits how often?

25. Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives, and children gain admittance to your home, property or car without your supervision (for example, just walk in the unlocked doors)? Yes No. If yes, who can do this unsupervised?

Your Pets

26. Do you currently have any pets? Yes No

27. Please list all the pets you currently have: N/A

Name	Type of pet/Breed of dog	Sex	S/N?	Age?	Years w/you?

28. If you currently have a dog(s), has it ever lived with a GSD or any other large breed dog before? Yes No N/A
If he/she has lived with a GSD or a large breed dog, please describe their interactions?

29. If you currently have a cat(s), has it ever lived with a GSD or any other large breed dog before? Yes No N/A
If he/she has lived with a GSD or a large breed dog, please describe their interactions?

30. Have you owned dogs PREVIOUSLY? Yes No.

31. Please list your previously owned dogs below: N/A

Name	Type of pet/Breed of dog	Sex	S/N?	Years w/you?	Age when passed?

32. Which dogs passed while with you and at what age and under what circumstances did past dogs pass? Please provide details – what happened to him/her, etc? N/A, did not have dogs previously.

33. Have you ever sold, given away, or surrendered a pet to a shelter or otherwise? Yes No. If you have given up a pet, please tell us the reason why, where did you take the pet or to whom did you the pet.

34. Are/Were any of your dogs, past and present, a re-homed dog from a rescue or a shelter or a stray that you found and kept?
 Yes No N/A, I have no present or past pets.

35. If you have or previously had a re-homed dogs, which dog(s) were they and where did the dog come from (name of shelter, name of animal control officer, found as stray)? N/A

Your Experience with Dogs

36. Will this rescue dog be your first dog? Yes No

*The following questions apply to your **CURRENT** and **PAST** dogs.*

37. How long have you been involved with dogs as an adult? _____ year(s)

38. How do you feed your dog(s)? Free Feed One meal a day Two meals a day.
 Please describe why you feed this way.

39. How do you exercise your dog? Please describe below:

40. Do you allow your dogs on the furniture? Yes No

41. Have you ever used a crate for a dog? Yes No

42. Have you ever house broken a dog? Yes No

43. Have you ever let your dog off leash and loose in an unfenced area? Yes No

44. If you let your dog off leash in an unfenced area, please describe the circumstances, i.e., where you were, who was around, time of day, for what reason, etc. NA

45. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate yourself with dogs? Check where you feel you are in the range. Note that this is not a judgment – it gives us an idea of what type of dog would do best with you.

	1	2	3	4	5	
strict						lenient
demanding						patient
inexperienced						knowledgeable
Tolerant (of boisterous behavior, mistakes, shedding, etc.)						Intolerant
firm						pushover

46. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your spouse/significant other with dogs? Check where you feel he or she is in the range.

	1	2	3	4	5	
strict						lenient
demanding						patient
inexperienced						knowledgeable
Tolerant (of boisterous behavior, mistakes, shedding, etc.)						Intolerant
firm						pushover

47. What kind of training have you completed with previous dogs? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	basic/pet obedience	<input type="checkbox"/>	competitive obedience
<input type="checkbox"/>	tracking	<input type="checkbox"/>	hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Schutzhund
<input type="checkbox"/>	guard dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	search & rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>	agility
<input type="checkbox"/>	therapy dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flyball/disc dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	narcotics dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	police K9 work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canine Good Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

48. For **ADOPTION APPLICANTS ONLY**, list all plans that they have for their rescue dog. Check all that apply.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	tracking	<input type="checkbox"/>	hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Schutzhund
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Your Lifestyle

49. Do you work outside of the home? Yes No. If so, what are your hours? : _____ AM to _____ PM

50. How long would the GSD be alone (without a human present) during the day? _____ Hours

51. If you work long hours, can you come home and care for your dog? Yes No N/A

52. If for some reason you are detained somewhere or have to stay late at work and cannot get home, what arrangements can you make to take care of the GSD? Please explain below:

53. Where will the GSD stay during the day when you are home? Please describe:

54. Where will the GSD stay during the day when you are NOT home? Please describe:

55. Where will the GSD sleep at night? Please describe:

56. Describe a typical day for your rescue GSD with you and your family. Tell us when would your rescue dog's day would start, feeding time, when he or she would be alone, when he or she would be with you, play time, walk time, where he or she would be when you were relaxing and watching tv, bedtime. The more detail the better. This will help us determine the best dog for you.

Your Expectations and Preferences

57. What sex do you prefer? male female no preference

58. What color do you prefer? _____ color no preference

59. What size do you prefer? small medium large no preference

60. What age range do you prefer? _____age range no preference

61. What activity level do you think you want in a Rescue dog (check one)?

Consider your lifestyle and the lifestyle of others living with you. This will help us determine the best dog for you.

Check One	Activity Level	Example of Activity Level	Amount of Exercise and/or Interaction Needed	How Often
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	Couch Potato. This dog likes the easy life. This is a relaxed, laid back kind of dog who enjoys long naps, watching movies, curling up on laps and walking very short distances from the couch to the food bowl.	5 to 10 minutes	1 to 2 times daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	This dog is a "jogger", not a "sprinter". He or she is somewhat active. Likes to jog short distances. Likes to go for long walks. Moderate exercise makes this pup happy.	10 to 20 minutes	2 times daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	Take this dog for a big walk or two every day and give this dog a job and something to do. After this dog's job is done, curling up for a night of TV is heaven.	15 to 30 minutes	2 to 3 times daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	Very High	If you want more exercise, this is the dog for you. This dog has tons of energy and is burning and working 24/7. This dog will run for miles, chase ball for hours and still want to play at the end of the day.	20 minutes to an hour	2 to 4 times daily

62. What is your expectation regarding a Foster or Adoptable GSD's obedience training level (choose one please)?

completely trained somewhat untrained untrained

63. What behavior would make a rescue dog **INELIGIBLE** to live in your home? Consider your lifestyle and the lifestyle of others living with you.

Foster Applicants Only

Adoption Applicants please proceed to the next section.

64. Have you ever fostered before? Yes No If you have, what type of animal and for what organization?

65. If your current pets end up not getting along with the Foster Dog, are you willing to continue to foster and separate them?
 Yes No

66. How long would you be willing to foster a GSD for GSR&RC?

*Please note that some Foster Dogs are in and out of Rescue after 8 weeks; others typically stay 12 to 16 weeks, and others can take a while before the right home is found. **We ask foster homes to foster a dog until the dog is placed.** We need you to realize that the dog may be a resident for some time as we look for an appropriate home.*

67. What circumstances would cause you to want to stop fostering our rescue dog and want us to find her/him another foster home?

68. Would visitors coming to your home, including tenants (if any) neighbors, guardians responsible for children, willing to sign a liability waiver? Yes No

Your Comments

69. Is there anything you would like to add; is there anything else you would like us to consider?

70. How did you hear about German Shepherd Resource and Rescue Center, Inc.?

Your References

Note: Please ask permission of the person listed before listing them.

71. Do you have a regular veterinarian? Yes No If you do, please provide the following info:

Name of Vet			
Name of Clinic/Vet Hospital		Telephone	
Street Address			
City, State, ZIP Code			

72. May we call your vet as a reference for you? [] Yes [] No [] N/A

73. Do you know where a 24 hour/7-day emergency vet hospital is closest to you? [] Yes [] No If you do, please fill in the information below:

Name of Emergency Vet Hospital		Telephone	
Street Address			
City, State, ZIP Code			
How far away from you?	_____ miles	How long to get to?	_____ minutes

74. Do you know someone who is active in the dog community and is knowledgeable about how you are as a dog owner, e.g., a dog trainer, breeder, handler, active GSR&RC member, active breed club member, shelter manager, etc. [] Yes [] No

75. If you do, may we call them as a reference for you? [] Yes [] No [] N/A If you approved, please provide the following information.

Reference Name			
Relationship to you		Years Known	
E-Mail		Phone	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting and signing this application:

I/we affirm that I/we am/are at least 21 years of age.

I/We intend to be the person(s) responsible for any dog that I/we adopt or foster for German Shepherd Resource and Rescue Center, Inc. (GSR&RC).

I/We give representatives of GSR&RC permission to come to my/our home and conduct a home check, to contact my/our landlord and/or resident association, and references.

I/We attest that the information provided in the application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and any misrepresentation of fact will be cause for denial of adoption.

I/We understand that submission of this application does not guarantee adoption of a dog.

I/We understand that GSR&RC reserves the right to refuse adoption or fostering to anyone without disclosing the reasons.

I/We understand that if I/we am/are accepted as a foster home or adoptive home, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me/us on this application may result in my/our being denied the right to foster and/or adopt a dog, and/or any dog placed in my/our care by GSR&RC will be required to be returned to GSR&RC and all fees paid by me/us will be forfeited.

I/We hereby certify that I/we have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment (all parties must sign).

Name (printed):	Date:	Name (printed)	Date:
Signature		Signature	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. Your acceptance into, and continued participation in, the foster and/or Rehome program is, among other things, dependent on your attitude towards foster work, your comfort level working with animals, your attitude toward animal rescues and our specific activities, and whether we have a dog that is appropriate for you and your current living situation.

Please sign and date it this form and mail it to GSR&RC at P.O. Box 210, Nahant, MA 01908. If you prefer to email it to us, e-signing is accepted as a signature; send it to adopt@germanshepherdcenter.org. If you prefer to fax it to us, fax to 617-249-1555.

We will respond to your application as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience as we are all volunteers; most of us have full time jobs and do this in our spare time. Thank you so very much for your interest in GSR&RC, Inc.... it's all about the dogs.