

Pre-Adoption Questionnaire

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Best time to call each/either number? _____

E-mail address _____

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

Name	Relation	Age
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Which of the following best describes your current residence? (check one)

_____ own a home _____ rent/lease a home _____ other _____

_____ own/rent/lease a townhome (multiple family dwelling)

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

Please list two references (one should be a vet):

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Do you have a preference for the color of your German Shepherd Dog? (check all that apply)

_____ black/tan _____ black/silver _____ black

_____ sable _____ no preference

Please check your preference: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Either

Questionnaire continued

Do you have a fence? _____ What type? _____ What height? _____

Is the fence secure and solid? _____ What type of gates? _____

Can children open the gates? _____

What types of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard? _____

Are you willing to make the improvements? _____ When and how long will it take? _____

Do you have a pool? _____ Is it fenced? _____

Do you have a dog run? _____ Is it secure? _____

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 the following arrangements (described) _____

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

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

Can strangers gain access to your yard? _____

Do you have a preference for the age of your German Shepherd Dog? (check all that apply)

_____ under 1 year

_____ 1 - 2 years

_____ 2 - 4 years

_____ over 4 years

_____ no preference

Questionnaire continued

Who is this German Shepherd Dog for? _____

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your German Shepherd Dog? _____

Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a German Shepherd Dog? _____

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

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

Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and children gain admittance to your home, property and car without your supervision? _____

If you have children, are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a dog? _____

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

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

Does everyone in the family want a dog? _____

What is your families overall reaction to owning a dog? _____

What members are enthusiastic? _____

What members are unenthusiastic? _____

What complaints have been made? _____

Have you and your family considered that a dog lives for years; are you willing to accept the commitment? _____

Have you considered the financial cost of dog ownership? _____

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

Questionnaire continued

Have you owned a German Shepherd Dog or any dog before? ____ (If yes, please provide a brief history.) _____

What is it about the German Shepherd Dog that has generated your interest in the breed? _____

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

What are the three characteristics you find most appealing about a new German Shepherd Dog? (choose three and number the choices - 1=best, 2=2nd best, etc.)

_____ active	_____ calm	_____ playful	_____ shy
_____ intelligent	_____ independent	_____ protective	_____ loving
_____ aggressive	_____ dominant	_____ submissive	
_____ other _____			

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

What would be your response if he made a mistake? _____

What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training? _____

What is your definition of disciplining a dog? _____

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

Approximately how many hours a day will your new German Shepherd Dog be alone? _____

Questionnaire continued

Do you intend to keep the dog primarily indoors or outdoors? (please elaborate.) _____

Where will the dog sleep at night? _____

What animals currently live in the household? (please list)

Name	Type of pet	Sex/Age	How long owned	Where kept
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you had any complaints about your pets? _____ Please elaborate _____

Does anyone in the household have any known allergies to animals? _____ no _____ yes,
(please provide a brief explanation) _____

Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your new German
Shepherd Dog? _____ no _____ yes, (please provide name/address/phone)

If you answered NO to the previous question would you like your rescue representative to
recommend a veterinarian in your area that is especially knowledgeable about German
Shepherd Dogs? _____ yes _____ no, because _____

How did you find out about our organization?

- _____ Veterinarian (Name _____)
- _____ Shelter (Which one _____)
- _____ Newspaper (Which one _____)
- _____ Friend _____
- _____ Other _____

Questionnaire continued

Would you consider volunteering for our organization? _____no _____yes

If yes, in which of the following areas?

_____ Foster Care

_____ Transportation of animals

_____ Personal interviewing of adopting candidates

_____ 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 to continue to provide care to homeless German Shepherd Dogs.