



**Greater California German Shepherd Rescue Inc**  
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## ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for filling out this questionnaire. Your answers will help us match your needs with the dogs in our program. Please complete this form and bring a copy of it with you to Adoption Day. You can mail it to the street address above, fax it to the fax number listed above, or email it to: [info@gcgsr.org](mailto:info@gcgsr.org).

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (where dog will be): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Primary (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your family and home:**

1. Has everyone in the family discussed and agreed on getting a new dog? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Are you financially prepared to provide regular veterinary care? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 Name and city of your veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Are there children who live in or regularly visit your home (grandchildren, neighbor children)? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 Please list ages & genders: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Do you currently have: [ ] No pets [ ] Dogs [ ] Cats [ ] Rabbits/Others. Are dogs spayed/neutered? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 Are the pets kept [ ] Indoors [ ] Outdoors? Do you have [ ] Birds [ ] Poultry [ ] Livestock? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please list all pets (dogs/cats/rabbits/birds) currently in household, please include breed, gender & age of dogs:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
- How many German Shepherds have you owned in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ How many other dogs & what breeds have you owned? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Have you previously adopted from or fostered for German Shepherd Rescue? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, how long ago, and do you still have the dog? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Do you own or rent your home? [ ] Own [ ] Rent **NOTE:** If you Rent, we require a Landlord Consent form. We will need this before placing a dog in your home. Please email [info@gcgsr.org](mailto:info@gcgsr.org) if you need this form.  
 Condo Owners: Please check with your Homeowner's Association to see if German Shepherds are allowed.
  
6. Please describe your current residence [ ] House [ ] Condo [ ] Apartment including the kind of yard or exercise area the dog would have, whether it is securely fenced and with what kind and height of fencing?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 How are fence gates secured? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any known hazards, such as poisonous plants, outside electrical wire, or an unfenced pool with no way for the dog to climb out? Are there any structures that would allow your dog to climb out of the exercise yard?  
[ ] Yes [ ] No - explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our goal is to place our dogs into a loving, permanent home. Please help us match a dog to your family by answering the following questions:**

8. What role do you want the dog to play in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Why would you be the best home for one of our dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Gender preference: [ ] Male [ ] Female [ ] No preference

11. Age preference: [ ] Puppy\*\* (2-6 mos) [ ] Juvenile/Adolescent (7-12 mos) [ ] Young adult (1-3 yrs)  
[ ] Adult (3-6 yrs) [ ] Senior (7+ yrs) [ ] No preference

\*\*Please note we have a separate questionnaire for Puppies, please email [info@gcgsr.org](mailto:info@gcgsr.org) if you need this form.

12. Why do you want a German Shepherd Dog (GSD)?

- [ ] 1. I have never owned any dog and I want an easy, good family pet.
- [ ] 2. I have owned family dogs before and have always wanted a GSD.
- [ ] 3. I had a GSD as a kid growing up.
- [ ] 4. I have owned a GSD/GSDs before as an adult.
- [ ] 5. I have owned several GSDs and understand how to train and socialize such a dog.
- [ ] 6. I have owned GSDs, and want a high-energy, high-drive GSD to do competitive dog sports with.
- [ ] 7. I'm looking for a serious protection, serious guard dog or working service dog that **will bite**, and I'm prepared to carry high liability insurance to cover that.

13. Where do you want your dog to sleep? [ ] Inside [ ] Garage [ ] Outside [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

14. Where do you want your dog to live?

- [ ] 1. In the house fulltime/outside rarely.
- [ ] 2. Inside house most of the time/dog-door to outside.
- [ ] 3. Inside when you're home/outside when you're gone.
- [ ] 4. Mostly outside in yard/rarely in the house.
- [ ] 5. Outside only/kenneled.

15. How long will your dog regularly be alone during the workday?

- [ ] 1. Rarely
- [ ] 2. 2-4 hours
- [ ] 3. 4-7 hours
- [ ] 4. 8-10 hours
- [ ] 5. More than 10 hours

16. What training have you had relative to dogs?

- [ ] 1. None.
- [ ] 2. Pet store, group or private obedience classes, group recreational sports (such as flyball, agility or rally).
- [ ] 3. Can train dogs for complete off-leash reliability & can solve behavior problems without a trainer's help.
- [ ] 4. Have competed successfully & have earned working titles in advanced dog sports such as advanced Obedience, Schutzhund or herding. Please list titles earned: \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] 5. Professional level military or police service work. Please list agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] 6. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. What kind of activities do you currently participate in with your dog?

- [ ] 1. Walks, playing ball in the back yard, dog parks.
- [ ] 2. Games, teaching house manners, tricks & household obedience, hikes, jogging, camping trips.
- [ ] 3. Structured formal obedience, recreational sports such as flyball, agility, rally, CGG, hunting.
- [ ] 4. Competitive organized dog sports such as Obedience, Herding, Tracking, Schutzhund, SAR, field trials.
- [ ] 5. Professional security, police service, narcotics/bomb detection work.
- [ ] 6. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you ready to adopt a dog right now, or are looking for one for later?  Now  Later  
If later, what needs to happen first? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How did you hear about/were you referred to Greater California German Shepherd Rescue?  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. What would cause you to return the dog to us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. Are you interested in a specific dog or any other comments that would help us match you to a dog?  
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22. Which of the following ONE choice best describes your dog ownership philosophy and household style?

1. All a dog needs is love to be happy. Our dog will be pampered in every way possible and showered with love, treats and every luxury we can afford. Our dog belongs sleeping on the couch or in bed with us. If our dog displays inappropriate behavior to another, we will avoid those situations in the future. We don't believe in correcting a dog, only in giving positive rewards. We mostly want a couch potato companion.

2. Dogs need lots of love and playtime, mixed with a few boundaries, and training in house manners and tricks. We want our dog to be part of the family and fit into our lifestyle and routine as it is without many changes at this time. We are willing to take a few classes and take our dog on daily walks or to the dog park for exercise and playtime. We would seek training advice if we couldn't solve a behavior issue, but we don't want a dog with serious issues. We like taking our dog with us on family activities and want a family dog.

3. Dogs need structure, leadership, training and affection to be happy and well-balanced. We believe in firm rules, order and appropriate discipline. Inappropriate behavior is never acceptable and is corrected immediately. Good behavior is rewarded with praise, affection, playtime or whatever works for the dog. Excellent house manners and obedience training are a must, and we have the time and skills to complete the training ourselves.

4. Dogs need vigorous daily exercise, structure, and a job, and don't belong just lounging around a backyard or the house all day. Dogs need to understand that humans are the leaders without exception! Excellent manners and obedience are a must, and we spend many hours in a variety of physically and mentally stimulating training, with firm rules, appropriate discipline, rewards and affection. Behavior problems are never allowed to develop, as they are the fault of the humans. Dogs ARE our lifestyle, either competing in dog sports or working with them every day. We take our dogs everywhere we go with us so they must be well-behaved in all circumstances.

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The average cost of caring for our dogs, including shelter fees, spaying/neutering, veterinary care, boarding and feeding, exceeds \$400 per dog. We ask for a minimum adoption fee of \$350 for puppies 6 months and under, \$300 for adult dogs, and \$100 for Seniors and Special Needs dogs to cover these costs, and we appreciate any additional donation you may be able to make to help us save more dogs. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer group.

We thank you for your interest in adopting one of our German Shepherds!

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GCGSR info only: Home Visit  Done by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  Needed

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer who assisted: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_