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**Please return this application and \$20.00 check to:**  
**GSR-SP Adoption Applications**  
**C/O 1593 Old Plank Road**  
**Towanda, PA 18848**

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**GSR-SP**

## ADOPTION APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

German Shepherd Rescue of Southeastern Pennsylvania ("GSR-SP") is dedicated to the care of German Shepherd dogs and to achieving the best match between the dog and its new family. In order to help us match the right dog to your lifestyle and family, please take the time to complete this questionnaire and mail it, together with a **NON-REFUNDABLE Twenty Dollar (\$20.00)** application fee (**CHECK ONLY PLEASE! DO NOT SEND CASH**), to the above address. Your answers will assist us in matching your needs with the German Shepherd dogs in our program. Once we receive your completed questionnaire, we will review it and then may provide e a list of potential German Shepherd candidates for your consideration or you may monitor our website ([www.GSR- SP.com](http://www.GSR-SP.com)) and contact the named contact person about any dog you are interested in. Please be as accurate and complete as possible in completing this form. Although you may be applying with interest in a particular German Shepherd dog that you saw on our website or listed for adoption, there is no guarantee that that dog is still available or will be considered appropriate for your home. For your information, the adoption cost ranges depending upon the age of the dog you adopt and are currently as follows:

- 1 yr. or less:           \$450.00**
- Over 1 yr. to 8 yrs:   \$300.00**
- Over 8 yrs.:           \$100.00**

By this application, we consider you to be seriously interested in adopting a German Shepherd dog and making that dog a part of your family. Please understand that matching the right dog to your situation and meeting the specifications you have indicated may take some time. We are hopeful that you will continue to keep us updated about your circumstances and, if you are no longer interested in adopting, will advise us accordingly. GSR-SP is staffed by volunteers who donate their time and energy out of love for the dogs. We will work diligently to find the dog who will best fit your circumstances.

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopter(s)' Name(s) (include ALL adults (18 or older) resident in your household):**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Adopter Address :**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Day Phone # (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone #(     ) \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(please include area code)*

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DOG YOU ARE SEEKING**

1. Do you have any preference as to the sex of your new German Shepherd? *(Please check one only)*

Male  Female  No Preference

2. Do you have any preference as to the "color" of your new German Shepherd? *(Please check all that apply)*

Black & Tan  Solid White  Black & Silver  Solid Black  
 Sable  Bi-color  Black & Red  No Preference

3. Do you have any preference as to the "age" of your new German Shepherd? *(Please check all that apply)*

Under 6 months  Under 1 year  1-2 years  2-4 years  4-6 years  
 6+ years  No Preference

4. What is it about German Shepherds that has generated your interest in this particular breed?

5. What other breeds have you/are you considering?

6. To assist us in selecting a dog for you, please indicate the three (3) characteristics which you and/or your family find most important/appealing for your new German Shepherd dog. *(Please choose only three and number the choices, i.e., 1=BEST, 2=SECOND BEST, 3=THIRD BEST)*

active  calm  playful  intelligent  
 independent  loving  protective  aggressive  
 dominant  submissive  shy/docile  outgoing/friendly  
 good with kids  good with other pets  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

7. To facilitate the bonding process, GSR-SP recommends that each 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? *(If NO, please provide a brief explanation.)*

YES  NO, because:

8. Are you currently working with any other rescue organizations in your efforts to find a dog?

NO  YES Please indicate what other organization(s):

**A. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND LIFESTYLE**

9. Which of the following best describes your current residence? *(Please check only one response.)*

I/We own a single home  I/We rent/lease a single home  
 I/We own a condo/townhouse  I we own a rowhouse/twin/duplex  
 I/We rent/lease a condo/townhouse  I/We rent/lease a rowhouse/twin/duplex  
 I/We rent an apartment  I/We own or rent a mobile home/trailer  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**\* PLEASE NOTE: If you rent/lease your place of residence, a copy of your lease will be requested before the adoption can be finalized; if you live in a condominium or a community with a homeowner association, a copy of your documents will be required to show that ownership of a German Shepherd or dog over 60 lbs. is permissible)**

10. How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_ years

11. If you have lived at your current residence for less than one (1) year, please provide address of your previous residence.

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12. Do you have access to a fenced area where you reside for exercising your new German Shepherd dog?  
[ ] NO [ ] YES (please describe) :

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13. If you do NOT have access to a fenced area, how will you get exercise and the opportunity for your new German Shepherd dog to relieve him or herself? Please explain:

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14. Do you have a crate that you will use for your new German Shepherd dog? [ ] NO [ ] YES

15. Approximately how many hours each day do you anticipate that your new German Shepherd dog will be alone? (Please check only one response.)

- [ ] Three hours or less [ ] More than twelve hours, but less than eighteen hours  
[ ] More than three hours, but less than six hours [ ] More than eighteen, but less than twenty-four hours  
[ ] More than six hours, but less than twelve hours

16. If you checked "More than six hours" or longer in Question #14 above, what provisions will you make for the dog to relieve itself and get exercise during your absence? (please explain)

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17. How many people currently live at your residence, **INCLUDING YOU?**

(Please list and explain relationship of each below.)

Name	Relationship to you	Age
1	SELF	
2		
3		
4		
5		

*\*Please use a supplemental page, if necessary to indicate all people residing at your home*

18. Which person(s) in your household will likely spend the greatest amount of time with the new German Shepherd dog?

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19. Which person(s) in your household will likely be most responsible for training and care of the new German Shepherd dog? \_\_\_\_\_

20. If you are a single person, do you travel often? [ ] NO [ ] YES, but during my absence I will ensure care for the dog by (please explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

21. Does anyone in your household have any known or suspected allergies to animals? [ ] NO [ ] YES  
(Please explain who and nature of allergy)

22. Do children or grandchildren visit your home on a regular basis (i.e., more than occasionally). If so, what age(s) are those children? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CURRENT AND PRIOR PET OWNERSHIP**

23. What other animals currently live at your residence? (Please list and explain each below.)

Name	Type of Pet	Sex	Age	How Long Owned?	Kept Where?
1		M or F			
2		M or F			
3		M or F			
4		M or F			

*\*If you own a dog, please specify the breed*

*\*\*Please use the reverse of this paper to indicate if you have any other animals residing in your home.*

24. Have you ever owned a German Shepherd dog before? (If YES, please provide us with a brief history about that dog(s) and how long ago it was if you do not currently own a GSD.)

[ ] NO [ ] YES

25. Have you ever adopted a dog from a rescue previously? [ ] NO [ ] YES If yes, provide the name of the Rescue(s) and breed of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

26. Have you owned any other pets within the past ten (10) years other than those listed in Question #21 above? [ ] NO [ ] YES - Please list name, breed and sex of each and explain what happened to all previously owned pets and the circumstances (i.e., died from \_\_\_\_\_, gave away because \_\_\_\_\_, etc.)

27. Do you currently have a veterinarian or is there a veterinarian whom you used in the past?

[ ] NO [ ] YES - Please provide the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Time Vet Used: \_\_\_\_\_ years

28. Do you plan to use the veterinarian listed in Question #24 above for your new German Shepherd dog?

[ ] YES [ ] NO - Please explain why and whom you will use instead:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your GSR-SP representative will attempt to assist you in locating a veterinarian in your area if you do not know of one.

29. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been investigated by any animal welfare organization, including the S.P.C.A., Humane Society, etc.? [ ] NO [ ] YES (please explain)

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30. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been charged with cruelty to animals, hoarding or other animal-related criminal charges? [ ] NO [ ] YES (please explain)

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**C. PERSONAL DATA**

31. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information:

Employer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer's phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ How long employed? \_\_\_\_\_ years  
(please include area code)

32. What is your *spouse's or partner's* occupation? (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information for your spouse:

Employer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer's phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ How long employed? \_\_\_\_\_ years  
(please include area code)

33. Has anyone in your household ever been investigated for, or charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, child abandonment, and/or, child abuse? [ ] NO [ ] YES (please explain)

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**34.** Please list the **name, address and phone numbers** (*with area code*) of three (3) personal references, other than your veterinarian. **References may NOT be family members of the immediate household, and no more than one non-resident family member may be used as a personal reference.**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
1		( )
2		( )
3		( )

34. Please list the names of any animal organizations, clubs, etc. to which you belong or to whom you donate your time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. INFORMATION FOR GSR-SP FILE UPDATES**

35. How did you find out about German Shepherd Rescue of Southeastern Pennsylvania?

- Facebook
- Vet - *please indicate name:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelter - *please indicate which one:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Store/Fundraiser - *Where?* \_\_\_\_\_
- Internet/Website - *Specify Site:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Friend - *please give name:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Another animal rescue organization - *please give name:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Other - *please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

36. Would you consider volunteering for GSR-SP?

- NO  YES - *Please check which of the following volunteer activities would interest you:*
- Fostering dogs  Website/Computer work
- Transporting dogs  Contributing to the Newsletter
- Reference checking  Homechecks
- Fundraising  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the adoption process and before placing any dog, you will be asked to sign an Adoption Agreement in which you agree to certain conditions, including keeping the dog as an "indoor" house pet, maintaining regular veterinary care, including annual shots, allowing a GSR-SP representative to visit your home before and/or afterplacement of the dog, and, finally, surrender back to GSR-SP of the dog if you violate the contract or can no longer keep your adopted GSD. A copy of that Adoption Agreement can be viewed on GSR-SP's website at [www.gsr-sp.com](http://www.gsr-sp.com) under the link for "Forms."

Are you willing to sign and be bound by such a contract?  YES  NO

Please provide any other information you believe will be important to your application and GSR-SP attempting to find the right dog for your circumstances and lifestyle:

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I/We have read and carefully answered each question on this seven (7) page Adoption Questionnaire and have provided truthful answers. I/We understand that GSR-SP will rely on the answers we have provided in going forward with the adoption process and, in the event that GSR-SP learns that false information has been given, we may be denied the right to adopt a dog and/or any dog placed in our care by GSR-SP may be required to be returned to GSR-SP and all fees paid by us to GSR-SP will be forfeited. We also understand that we may be denied the right to adopt a dog if our references do not meet GSR-SP standards or if GSR-SP otherwise determines that our home is not appropriate for a German Shepherd breed dog or that our home is not appropriate for the specific dog we desire to adopt. We understand that the Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) we have submitted with this application is NON-REFUNDABLE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT GSR-SP CANNOT GUARANTEE THE HEALTH OR TEMPERAMENT OF ANY GSD ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Adopter's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Second Adopter's Signature – if applicable*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Additional Adult members of the household must sign as consenting to accept an adopted dog into the home*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Witness: May not be anyone who signed Above!*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this detailed questionnaire! Again, we will review the information you have provided, contact your references and a representative of GSR-SP may contact you with follow-up questions or if we are having difficulty reaching one of your references. A GSR-SP volunteer may call you to discuss possible dogs for adoption that we believe may fit with your personal circumstances. You should also visit our website and Facebook page to keep abreast of dogs in foster care with GSR-SP and/or German Shepherds available for adoption in area shelters or through other rescue organizations. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about adopting a rescued German Shepherd dog, or about our organization's history and program, please let us know by reaching out to [info@gsr-sp.com](mailto:info@gsr-sp.com)

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE PROCESSING FEE BY CHECK.***

**Please make checks payable to:**

"GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE of SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA" or "GSR-SP"

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