



~ It's all about the dogs ~

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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 PO Box, or fax it to the fax number listed above. Or you can convert it to a digital document and email it to: MizShepherdist@aol.com

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

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

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

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 house (such as grandchildren and neighbor children)?  Yes  No How many and how old are they? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you currently have other animals?  Yes  No Are they  Inside  Outside? Are they spayed and/or neutered?  Yes  No Livestock?  Yes  No If you have other pets, please list all other animals in the household: \_\_\_\_\_

If you no longer have your pets, what has happened to them?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you own or rent your home?  Own  Rent

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to own a German Shepherd?  Yes  No

6. Please describe your current residence (house? 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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10. Gender preference:  Male  Female  No preference

11. Age preference:  Puppy (Under 1 yr)  Young adult (1-3 yrs)  Adult (3-6 yrs)  Senior (7+ yrs)  
 No preference

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

1. I have never owned a dog, and have heard GSDs make good family pets.
2. I had one growing up/have owned one before/have owned family dogs before and have always wanted a GSD.
3. I have owned several GSDs and love their intelligence, versatility, athletic ability, trainability and confidence.
4. I have owned them before, and want another one to do competitive dog sports with.
5. I know the breed and I'm looking for a serious protection, guard or working service dog.

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 be alone during the workday?

1. Rarely
2. 2 to 4 hours
3. 4 to 7 hours
4. 8 to 10 hours
5. More than 10 hours

16. What training have you had relative to dogs?

1. None
2. Pet store obedience classes, group recreational classes.
3. Formal obedience courses, private obedience lessons, or recreational sports classes.

- 4. Have taken or competed in formal advanced training for competitive sports, online courses, attended seminars, earned working titles.
- 5. Professional level military, service or police work.

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

- 1. Walks, playing ball in the back yard, dog parks.
- 2. Games, teaching house manners, tricks and household obedience, hikes, jogging, camping trips.
- 3. Structured basic AKC obedience, recreational sports such as flyball and agility, canine good citizenship, hunting.
- 4. Competitive organized dog sports such as agility, flyball, obedience, herding, tracking, Schutzhund, SAR, field trials.
- 5. Professional security, service, narcotics, bomb detection work.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional comments that would help us match you to a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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 Special Needs dogs to cover these costs, and we appreciate any additional contribution you may be able to make to help us save more dogs.

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

We are a non-profit all volunteer group.

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

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_