

German Shepherd Rescue Toronto

Adoption Application

Name _____ Application date _____
Address _____
City _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
Best time to call each/either number: _____
Email Address: _____ May we contact you via email? _____

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete the entire application. Incomplete applications will be returned for completion, thus slowing the application process.

Please list and describe your current dog first, and then any other dog where you were the primary caretaker:

Name _____
Breed _____
Age _____ Gender _____ Altered? _____
Dog owned now, or deceased? _____

Has your current dog ever lived with another dog? If so, how well did they get along?

How long has your current dog been an "only dog"? _____

Are your current dogs on heartworm preventative medication?: Yes No If so, which one do they take, and how often?:

Why do you especially want to own a German Shepherd Dog, vs. other breeds?:

Have you ever had to give up a dog/give it away/euthanize a dog for behavioral issues?

Please explain the circumstances:

Do you have any other animals? **Please list what you have** and note whether they've ever lived with a large dog before: (For instance, cats, pet rodents, birds, etc.)

Is your dwelling a: house apartment townhouse other (describe)

Do you own or rent ? If you rent, we require written landlord consent to bring animals onto property. Please provide name, address and phone of landlord below, and **include written consent w/application**:

Do you have a fenced-in yard or fenced area attached to your house?: Yes No

If yes, what type of fencing? _____
Height: _____ Length: _____ Width: _____

Is the fencing dug into the ground?: Yes No If so, how deep?: _____

Is fenced area attached to the house?: Yes No

If **not** attached to the house, how far away is it from the house? :

If you do not have a fenced area attached to your house, would you be willing to install one or adopt an appropriate Senior German Shepherd Dog?

How would the fenced area be used?:

Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard that could plague the dog while he is out? (such as neighbors dog or cat, loose dogs on street, mischievous children, neighbors who don't like GSDs?) Please list these things – we just want you and GSRT to be aware of them:

Do you have a pool? Yes No If Yes, is it above-ground, or in-ground? _____

NOTE: If the pool is in-ground and in your fenced yard/area, you must have a fence around the pool so that the dog cannot fall in. If the pool is above-ground and in your fenced yard/area, you must have a gate to prevent the dog from going up the steps/falling in. Refer to your application packet to the sheet on Fences for policy information.

Please tell us about all people an adoptive German Shepherd Dog would usually come in contact with, including your spouse, roommates, children, neighborhood children, grandchildren, friends, relatives, etc.:

| Name | Age | Relationship to you | Lives with you? | Visits how often? |
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Where will your Rescue German Shepherd sleep at night?

Where will your Rescue German Shepherd stay during the day when you are home?

Where will your Rescue German Shepherd stay during the day when you are NOT home?

What is your expectation regarding a rescue dog's obedience training level?

Completely trained Somewhat trained Untrained okay

When you say "the dog is obedience trained" - what do you mean?

Please describe in detail what behaviors in a dog or what training is important to you, and describe (on the back of this sheet) how you would train the dog to exhibit these behaviors. If you don't know how you'd train for some behaviors, please just note that.

Who is your veterinarian (name/address)?: _____

Telephone: _____ If you do not yet have a veterinarian, who do you plan on using?

Please list the names of two references. References should have a strong feeling for what you are like as a dog owner and should NOT be related to you. (Note - please print this information)

References

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

The basic needs of a healthy German Shepherd Dog (feeding, well-dog vet visits, etc.) can cost approximately \$500-800 per year! Any health or behavioral problems with the dog could increase this amount. You need to anticipate that the dog could need emergency surgery, or you might want to take the dog to additional training classes, etc. and this cost is something you need to be ready for.

Does this financial responsibility present a problem? No Yes

Can you make the full adoption donation for the dog at the time of adoption? (\$175) _____

Under what circumstances would you find it necessary to get rid of, or re-home your Rescue dog?:

Moving Change in schedule Marriage to somebody who doesn't like your dog

Divorce New Baby Current pets don't like new rescue dog Illness

Other (please specify):

Have you applied anywhere else within the past year to adopt an animal? No Yes (where and when?):

Please describe the perfect dog for you. What characteristics are you looking for? As you answer this, please think about your lifestyle - are you active, in and out a lot, are there lots of people/children around, etc., or are you more sedentary, quiet, with few visitors? What personality in a dog would best fit your family's needs and lifestyle? Would your dog go with you everywhere or stay at home with you a lot? Do you have other pets that need consideration?

Of all of the characteristics you listed above for your perfect dog, please note the 2 things that are most important to you:

1) _____

2) _____

How did you hear about GSRT? :

My signature below indicates that I am at least 21 years of age and intend to be the legal owner and the person responsible for the care and well-being of any dog I adopt from German Shepherd Rescue Toronto (GSRT).

In signing this application below, I give representatives of GSRT permission to contact my veterinarian, references, and landlord if that applies, for information to aid in the evaluation of whether a Rescue German Shepherd Dog is appropriate for me and my current living situation

See also the following page for Terms of Adoption information and sign your understanding of those terms.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return your signed, completed Adoption Application and Terms of Adoption form (and if applicable, written landlord consent) to:

German Shepherd Rescue Toronto,
c/o floydandfrankie@sympatico.ca