

# German Shepherd Rescue of Sacramento Valley Adoption Questionnaire

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. While it is long, the more information you provide me, the better I will be able to match your needs and desires with the German Shepherds and German Shepherd mixes in my program. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Foran at 916-655-3125, or [bab43@msn.com](mailto:bab43@msn.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Are you only looking for a purebred German Shepherd, or will you consider a German Shepherd mix?       Only purebred       Mix OK

2. Do you have a preference for the *gender* of your new German Shepherd or GS mix?  
 Male                       Female                       No preference

3. Do you have a preference for the *color* of your German Shepherd or GS mix?  
 Black/Tan     Black/Silver     Solid Black     White     Sable     No Preference

4. Do you have a preference for the *age* of your German Shepherd or GS mix?  
 Under 1 yr     1-2 yrs     2-4 yrs     Over 4 yrs     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 No preference

5. Have you owned a German Shepherd or GS mix before?     Yes                       No  
If Yes, please provide a brief description of the dog and your relationship with it.

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If you answered No to Question 5, have you ever owned any other breed of dog before?

Yes                       No

If Yes, please briefly describe your *last* dog and your relationship with it.

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6. **Why do you want a German Shepherd or German Shepherd mix?**

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7. **Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your new dog?**

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8. **To facilitate the bonding process and minimize behavioral problems, I recommend adopters of many younger or previously untrained German Shepherds/GS mixes participate in a basic obedience training program. If your new dog lacks basic training, do you plan to enroll your dog in such a program?**

Yes     No, because \_\_\_\_\_

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9. **What kind of behaviors are you seeking in your new German Shepherd or GS mix?**

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10. **Please describe *how* and how often you will exercise your new dog, including any off-leash activity you plan to pursue.**

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11. **Many rescued dogs—housebroken or not—urinate or defecate in their new house before they figure out “where to go.” Are you willing to accept the possibility of cleaning up a few messes and *kindly* teaching your new dog the right place to go?**

Yes     No

12. **Please list the names and ages of all the people living in your home, including yourself.**

Name	Age		Name	Age

13. The following questions regard the conditions of the property where you will be keeping your new German Shepherd or GS mix.

a. Which of the following best describes your residence? (Check only one.)

- Own a house                       Rent/lease a house                       Own/rent/lease a condo  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Is the fence enclosing your yard secure and solid?  Yes     No     N/A (no yard)

If Yes, please go to "c."

If No, what types of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard?

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Are you willing to make the improvements?  Yes                       No

If Yes, when can you make the improvements and how long will they take?

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c. Is your yard free from dangerous articles or objects that your new dog could use to climb the fence?  Yes                       No

d. Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard (such as neighbor's dogs, loose dogs on the street, mischievous children) that could taunt your new dog?

Yes (please describe below)                       No

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14. Approximately how many hours *per day* (during the work week) will your new German Shepherd or GS mix be without *human* companionship?

Less than 3 hrs     >3 but <6 hrs     >6 but <9 hrs     >9 but <12 hrs     >12 hrs

15. Do you have any children less than 13 years of age living in your home?  Yes     No

If "Yes", please provide the following information.

Age of Child	Experienced with Dogs?	Comments
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

16. If you answered “Yes” to Question 15 are you willing to teach your children the proper way to handle a live animal? Yes No

17. If you were offered a job promotion in another town, but were unable to find temporary housing that welcomed your dog in the time necessary to secure the new job, how would you respond?

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18. If the dog that you adopt developed a serious illness or physical disability that had a 50/50% chance of being permanently cured but required veterinary services costing approx \$1,000, how would you respond?

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19. Please indicate what parts of your property you intend to allow your new German Shepherd or GS mix access to *when you away for more than an hour*. House Garage Outdoors—entire yard. Outdoors—fenced enclosure (such as a kennel). Other \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Please indicate what parts of your property you intend to allow your new German Shepherd or GS mix access to *when you are at home*. House—all areas. House—restricted areas (please specify areas *not* allowed) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Garage Outdoors

21. When outdoors, please describe the kind of shelter you will provide your new German Shepherd or GS mix (including any coverings such as a porch roof or canopy).

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22. Where will your new German Shepherd or GS mix sleep at night? (If inside, please specify where the dog will be allowed to sleep inside.)

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**23. What animals currently live in your household?**

Type/Breed of Pet	Sex/Age	Years Owned?	Where Kept Primarily?

**24. Have you received any complaints about your pets *at your current residence*?**

Yes    No    N/A        **If Yes, please elaborate.**

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**25. Does anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals?** Yes        No

**If Yes, please elaborate.**

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**26. Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your new German Shepherd or GS mix?** Yes (please fill in information below).    No

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number (    )** \_\_\_\_\_

**27. How did you find out about GSRSV?**

- GSRSV Website   Other Website (name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Veterinarian (name/location: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Publication (title: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Friend (name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other (describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

**28. Please check here if you would consider fostering a dog for GSRSV.**

**[If you adopt a dog from GSRSV, we recommend waiting at least a month to get to know your new dog and let him or her get settled before you bring a foster dog into your home.]**

*Thank you again for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match your needs with the German Shepherds in my program.*

*Please mail this questionnaire to:*

**GSRSV  
5425 Pleasant Grove Rd  
Pleasant Grove, CA 95668**

*If you have any comments or concerns about adopting a rescue German Shepherd or about my program, please contact Brian Foran at 916-655-3125, or [bab43@msn.com](mailto:bab43@msn.com). We are always interested in and open to your viewpoints.*