

ADOPTION APPLICATION

FOR AGSR USE ONLY		
Date received _____	AGSR Rep Assigned: _____	HV visit date _____
Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Approved with conditions, explain: _____
Reason for denial: _____		
Sent to another rescue: _____ which rescue: _____ date: _____		

Before completing this application, please be aware of some of our policies:

We do not adopt a German Shepherd dog as a surprise or a gift for someone else. We do not adopt on a first come first served basis and we reserve the right to deny any application. ***Incomplete applications will not be processed, answer all questions please!! We require all AGSR dogs to be enrolled in obedience classes within two weeks of the adoption date. Proof of enrollment will be sent to AGSR within two weeks of the adoption date. All AGSR dogs will complete obedience requirements by the date written on their contract.***

AGSR Dog you are interested in: _____ *we do not process applications immediately unless you specify a dog

Applicant Name*: _____ Co Applicant Name*: _____

Address:** _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ On phone #'s/email indicate which applicants number(s)/email(s) you are listing. Please let us know if it is okay to contact you at work.

Home #: _____ Cell #'s: _____ Work #s: _____

Email addresses: _____

Where employed: _____ co applicant: _____

*list any name changes for the past ten years (due to marriage, divorce) _____

Do you: Own Rent How long have you lived at this address? ** * _____

House Apartment Townhouse Condo **if at present address less than 5 years, please list all addresses for the past 10 years **Note:** Upon submission of this application, renters **MUST** include a letter from their Landlord stating it is acceptable to have a dog and that there are no size/weight restrictions for the dog in your rental contract.

Why do you want to own a German Shepherd?

Describe your ideal dog (i.e. temperament, activity level etc.)

TYPE OF GERMAN SHEPHERD REQUESTED

Sex No preference Male Female Age range _____

Color No preference Black/Tan Black/Silver White Sable Black
Please be aware that the wait for an appropriate German Shepherd may be a matter of weeks or months.

How long are you willing to wait for the best match? _____

Although most of the Shepherds we rescue appear to be purebreds, without having been there at the time of conception, AGSR cannot guarantee that every dog we rescue is absolutely a purebred German Shepherd.

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

List ALL residents of the household: *Include any part time members (i.e. shared custody of children, regular visitors)

Name	Month/year of birth	Relationship to applicant

Have all members of the household agreed to adopt a rescued GSD? Yes No

Have all members of the household agreed to care for the adopted GSD? Yes No

Who will be the primary person responsible for the GSD? _____

Would the arrival of a child affect your commitment to love and care for your GSD? _____

Are you willing to take responsibility for a dog for the next 10 or more years? Yes No

How much do you estimate it will cost to care for a dog for one year (food, vet bills, license, etc.)? _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals? Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Under what circumstances would you return/surrender an animal: _____

Do you have a completely fenced yard? Yes No

If yes, type of fence (wood, chain link, etc) _____ Height _____

If no, or it is not completely fenced, how will you contain your dog to your property?

How many hours per day will the dog be left alone? _____

Describe any special arrangements or considerations: _____

Where will you keep the dog when no one is home (be specific)? _____

Where will the dog be during the day (be specific)? _____

Where will the dog be at night (be specific)? _____

How many hours will the dog be outside alone? _____

If kept outside, how will it be contained on your property?: _____

YARD: Pool? Yes No If yes, is it secured? _____

Dog Run? Yes No If yes, describe: _____

Outside kennel? Yes No If yes, describe: _____

Have you checked your yard for dangerous objects or plants? Yes No Results: _____

Any distractions outside your yard? Neighboring dog Loose dogs Busy Street Children
 Other: Describe: _____

Do strangers or neighborhood children have access to your yard? Yes No Explain :

TRAINING/BEHAVIOR

Are you willing to obtain a crate/kennel and crate train the dog if necessary? Yes No

Where will you take your GDS for obedience training? _____

Phone number, email/website of trainer/obedience school _____

How do you plan to exercise your dog? What amount of time per day do you plan on exercising it?

What kind of restraining device(s) will you use on your dog? (buckle collar, harness, Gentle Leader, prong collar, choker, etc)

What is your definition of disciplining a dog? List any training devices (shock collar, prong collar etc) you have used or plan on using:

What will you do with the dog if you need to travel, for business or personal reasons?

How do you plan to prevent problem behaviors such as, barking, chewing, digging, etc? Or other behaviors that can be considered alpha or dominant? Such as a pushy, overanxious dog? Discuss:

Describe your experience in preventing behavior problems such as alpha role, barking, chewing, digging, etc:

How will you correct your new GSD when it makes a mistake (or what method(s) will you use)?

What training, formal or informal, have you done with your dog(s) in the past?

Describe any pet ownership laws or restrictions in your area:

What type of I.D. do you plan to place on the dog?

Have you had any complaints about your pets from others? Yes No Describe:

Have you ever received a ticket regarding your dogs behavior (i.e. bite or barking etc): _____ describe: _____

Have you ever applied to adopt a dog from a breed rescue group or shelter before? Yes No

Describe: _____

Are you currently working with any other rescue/shelter: please list: _____ *

*working with another rescue does not preclude you from working with ARF's.

PET EXPERIENCE

Do you CURRENTLY own any other pets? If so, list them here:

Name	Breed/type Where kept during day & night	Age	M/F	Neutered Spayed, or Intact	Dominant/Submissive/Gets Along Fine with other dogs, children, cats, etc?	List any Behavior Issues; list how long you have owned the animal, list animals age when you acquired it

List all animals (birds, cats, dogs, etc) you once owned but no longer own, since you turned 18: (add additional pages if needed)

Name of animal	Type/Breed	M/F	Neutered Spayed, or Intact	Age when you got it & how long you had it	Where kept During day, night (be specific, i.e..crate etc	Reason you no longer have it; if pet is deceased, list age of pet when it died and cause of death

What in your opinion would constitute prime reasons for an owner to give up his/her dog?

Rescued dogs need time to adjust to a new home. How long a period of time are you willing to wait while the dog adjusts? _____

What type of food are you planning on feeding? _____ (indicate dry/moist or combo) How many times per day do you feed? _____ Do you plan on "free feeding" during the day? _____

Do you agree to take your pet to your Veterinarian annually for full vaccinations and exam? Yes No
If no, please explain:

Do you agree to have your pet tested and on Heartworm Preventative as recommended by your Veterinarian? Yes No

What would be unacceptable behavior in your home that would cause you to return your dog?

Do you agree to contact AGSR, Inc., if you are no longer able to keep your adopted GSD? Yes No

REFERENCES

Please list **two** personal references. (NOTE: One reference must be a non-relative) Include Name, Relationship, Address, Telephone Numbers (please include best time to contact), and Email Address: *you may list a 3rd reference as an alternate

Name	Relationship	Address Including city/state	Phone number Include Area Code	Best time to call	e-mail address

Please list any veterinary reference(s). Please include current & previously used veterinarians used for your current pets. If you currently do not have a vet, please list the vet you plan to use for your new GSD. **You must call your veterinarian and inform them that we will be calling to check on your pet’s records. You should do this soon after receiving confirmation from us that we are processing your application, otherwise it may result in a delay in processing your application. You have to have your vet reference processed in order to be eligible to meet an AGSR dog. Please inform your vet that you are authorizing the release of these records/information to the AGSR representative who calls them. Thank you.**

Vet’s Name	Clinic Name	Address Including city/state	Phone number Include Area Code, email address (if applicable)

The above listed Vet is: My current Vet the Vet I plan to use with my new pet

To complete the processing of this application, a visit to your home will need to be scheduled by a representative of the organization. All members of the household must be present at the time of the visit. The purpose of the home visit is to determine whether or not the information provided on the application is accurate, as well as to ensure the welfare of the dog by seeing your home situation first-hand.

- I/we certify that the information I/we provided in this application is true and correct.
- I/we authorize AGSR to contact any and all references to verify the information that I/we have provided.
- I/we are 18 years of age or older
- I/we acknowledge that any misrepresentation or falsehoods will disqualify our application. I/we also acknowledge that any misrepresentation/falsehood may result in removal of the adopted GSD from me by AGSR. ARFs German Shepherd Rescue Inc. reserves the right to refuse or deny any application.
- ARFs will keep your application on file for one year. After that you will be required to fill out a new application.

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

Co-applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

Please attach completed application via email and send it to gsd@arfrescue.com
 Or mail it to AGSR, PO Box 44, Lodi, WI 53555 *also sign, review and return AGSR Adoption Policies page along with this application

AGSR ADOPTION POLICIES

- Only those adopters that have completed the approval process (adoption application accepted, home visit completed) will be contacted to meet Gads available for adoption.
- AGSR does not adopt "outside" dogs. All dogs adopted from AGSR will live and sleep inside the home.
- AGSR dogs will not be left outside unattended
- The adopter must agree to never let the dog off-leash in an unfenced outdoor area.
- An electric/"invisible" fence system is not acceptable for outside containment of a German Shepherd. Most of ARF's GSDs will require a visible fence for adoption.
- The dog may not be adopted as a 'surprise' or a gift for someone else. AGSR will work directly with the adoption applicant(s) only (not family members, neighbors, etc.).
- The adopter must agree to enroll the dog in an obedience class, or with a private trainer, within 15 days of adoption. The owner will submit a training verification to AGSR with the necessary training information. It is the adopter's responsibility to research and locate a trainer. AGSR will only refund the training deposit upon submission to ARF's of proof of completion of the training class. Partial attendance for training classes will not receive refund of training deposit. **You must submit proof of enrollment within 15 days from the date of adoption of the AGSR dog. You must complete all obedience requirements by the specific dates stated on your contract.**
- The adopter must be willing to obtain a crate and crate train the dog, if necessary. This is especially important when a young dog is adopted. Crates are also helpful when potty training a dog and as tools to keep dogs safe when the owner is not present to supervise the dog.
- When traveling in a vehicle, adopted GSDs must ride inside the vehicle. They cannot ride in the back of an open pick-up truck, nor contained in a crate on the back of a pickup truck.
- In the case of a married couple, both the husband and the wife must be in complete support of getting a dog. If one spouse does not really want a dog, AGSR will not adopt to them. Children in the family must demonstrate appropriate behavior around pets. Both spouses must sign adoption contract.
- When an unmarried couple, roommates etc., want to adopt a dog, the dog will be adopted to both parties. If the couple later breaks up, the person listed first will be considered the primary adopter and have the option of keeping the dog with them. If neither party wishes to keep the dog, they must both contact ARF's and arrange for the return of the dog. In either event, ARF's must be notified of the status change.
- All family members, including any other family pets, must be present during the home visit and when meeting a prospective "adoptee" German Shepherd to be sure of a good match. Two meet and greets will be required for anyone who has a dog currently living with them.
- Adoption applicants residing in a townhouse, condominium, apartment or rental property must provide written documentation stating that they have permission from the landlord/homeowner's association to add a dog (the size of a GSD) to their household. This letter/written documentation must include: the adopter's name, the date, the address/phone of the adopter, the signature of the landlord/homeowner's association representative and their contact information (address/phone/email). This letter/documentation should be submitted with the adoption application.
- AGSR reserves the right to contact any references or veterinarians named by the adopter on the application form. AGSR will also utilize any public records to determine whether or not the adopter
- When AGSR contacts an approved adopter about an available dog, the adopter must reply to AGSR within three days or less, or lose the opportunity to be considered first for that dog
- The AGSR Board of Directors reserves the right to change these policies at any time.
- I/we agree that this dog Is the property of AGSR and I/we will not GIVE, SELL, TRADE, ABANDON, SURRENDER OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER ANY TYPE OF OWNERSHIP/GUARDIANSHIP, PHYSICAL POSSESSION OR RESPONSIBILITY for this dog to any other persons/Individuals or organization (shelter/rescue/vet or otherwise) for any reason whatsoever. If I/we can no longer keep the dog I/we agree to return the dog to ARF's German Shepherd Rescue, Inc. I/we agree that AGSR will be held completely harmless for any medical problems, behavioral problems or any bite incidents that may occur during any meet and greets or after adoption of the AGSR dog *this will also cover any minor children or animals present during meet and greets and after adoption.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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