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Home Visit Volunteer _____ Date _____ Needed

Adoption Counselor _____ Needed

Comments _____

**GOLDEN STATE
German Shepherd Rescue**

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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 either mail it, convert it to a digital file and email it (addresses above) or fax to 510-217-6279.

Adoption fees are \$350 for dogs 12 months or younger and \$300 for dogs over 12 months

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY OR WE CANNOT PROCESS IT.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail: _____

- 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? _____
- Are you financially prepared to provide regular veterinary care? Yes No
Name and city of your veterinarian: _____
- Are there children who live in or regularly visit your home (such as grandchildren and neighbor children) Yes No How many and how old are they? _____
- 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? _____
- Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent
Current residence is: house condo/townhouse apartment farm/ranch
If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to own a German Shepherd? Yes No
- Please describe fencing in the yard or exercise area where your dog will be outside:
 Fenced yard Partially fenced yard Fenced yard area for dog No fence "Invisible" fence
 Enclosed dog kennel/run No yard
- Indicate height of your fence at its lowest point: 4' or less 5' 6' or higher No fence
How are fence gates secured? _____
- 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: _____
- What role do you want the dog to play in your life? _____

10. How much and what type of exercise do you plan on giving your dog? _____
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11. Why do you want a German Shepherd Dog (GSD)? *check one*
- I have never owned a dog, and heard the GSDs make good family pets
 - I had a dog growing up/have owned other dog breeds before
 - I have owned several GSDs and love their intelligence, athletic ability, trainability and confidence
 - I have owned them before and want another one to do competitive dog sports with
 - I know the breed and am looking for a serious protection, guard or working service dog
12. Please tell us about your experience training dogs. *check all that apply*
- None
 - Read books and magazines
 - Attended seminars or took online courses
 - Pet store, Group recreational classes
 - Private recreational classes
 - Agility, flyball, other recreational sports classes
 - Intermediate or advanced classes
 - Formal advanced training for competitive obedience or dog sports
 - Earned working titles
 - Professional level military, service, or law enforcement work
13. What kinds of activities do you want to participate in with your dog? *check all that apply*
- Neighborhood walks, backyard games
 - Visits to dog parks (off leash with other dogs)
 - Games, tricks, household obedience, hikes, jogging, camping
 - Structured basic AKC obedience, recreational sports, canine good citizen
 - Competitive dog sports (agility, flyball, herding, tracking, schutzhund, SAR, field trials)
 - Other (please explain) _____
14. How long will your dog be alone during the typical weekday?
- Rarely
 - 2-4 hours
 - 4-7 hours
 - 7-10 hours
 - More than 10 hours
15. Where will your dog to spend its time?
- Inside most of the time with access to outside
 - Inside when you're home, outside when you're gone
 - Mostly outside in yard, rarely in house
16. Where will your dog sleep?
- Outdoors in kennel or doghouse
 - Garage
 - Inside with family
17. What type of dog would you prefer?
- Gender: male female no preference
- Age: puppy (under 1 yr) young adult (1-3 yrs) adult (3-6 yrs) senior (7+ yrs) no preference
- Color: "classic" black and tan bi-color black and tan sable all black all white no preference
- Coat: short long no preference
18. Where did you hear about our organization?
- Golden State GSR Website
 - Petfinder.com
 - Another rescue group
 - Craig's List
 - Animal Shelter
 - EBay classifieds
 - Friend
 - Veterinarian
 - Other _____
19. Are you working with any other rescue groups or shelters to find a dog? Yes No
- If yes, please list: _____
- Note: we do not share adoption questionnaires or home visits, you must complete our form in order to adopt our dogs.*
20. Do you have any additional comments to help us find the right dog for you?
- _____
- _____
- _____

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 a puppy (under one year old) and \$300 for an adult dog to cover these costs. Any additional contribution you are able to make will be much appreciated. We thank you for your interest in German Shepherds!