

Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc.

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ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the entire application (*We will not process incomplete applications. If a question does not apply, please indicate not applicable*). **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

We give full consideration to every application, however, *we do not adopt on a first come, first serve basis* and may deny the application. Our goal is to carefully match each GSD with the best family, home, and lifestyle based on the needs of the dog.

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY		
Date Received:	Volunteer Assigned to Process:	
Applicant notified we are processing:	Date notified:	How:

BGSR GSD you are interested in adopting: _____

GSD Preferences (check any/all that apply):

Male	Either	Black/Tan	Black/Cream	Would you be willing to adopt a GSD mix?		
Female		Sable	White	Black	Yes No	
Puppy	1 to 3 years old	3 to 6 years old		Would you be willing to adopt a GSD with medical/health issues?		
6 years & older	Other			Yes	No	
In order to facilitate the bonding process, BGSR requires that all adopted GSD's participate in a minimum of one complete obedience course with their new owner(s). Are you willing to attend obedience course(s) with your new GSD? Yes No						
Do you have any interest/experience in participating in any of the following activities with your GSD (check any that apply)?						
Agility	Flyball	CGC	Search & Rescue	Other		
What characteristics or behaviors are you looking for in a GSD (check any that apply)?				Active	Playful	Calm
Independent	Loving	Protective	Aggressive	Dominant	Submissive	Other

Personal Information:

First Name:	Last Name:	Month/Year of Birth:
Co-Applicant First Name:	Last Name:	Month/Year of Birth:
Address:		City, State ZIP:
Home Phone #:	Best time to call:	*E-Mail Address:
Cell Phone #:		
Employer:	Phone #:	How long employed:
Employer Contact Name:		

***If you have E-Mail it will be our primary means of communication with you. Please check your e-mail regularly after submitting your application.**

Family Information: Please list all household members, full or part-time

First Name	Last Name	Month/Year of Birth	Relationship	Full or Part Time

Are all household members aware and agreeable to your interest in adopting a GSD? Yes No
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Pet History:

Have you ever owned a GSD? Yes No	How many animals are you legally allowed to own in your community?
Have you ever lost, surrendered to a shelter/rescue, placed in another home, or given a pet away? Yes No	
If yes, please explain:	

Current Pets:

Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Spayed/Neutered
	Male Female			Yes No
	Male Female			Yes No
	Male Female			Yes No
	Male Female			Yes No
	Male Female			Yes No

Where do your current pets stay while unattended? In house, crated/confined In house, free roam of the house
Garage Basement Outdoors Other (Explain):

Previous Pets Owned as an Adult:

Name	Breed	Years with you?	Spayed/Neutered	Reason no longer with you
			Yes No	
			Yes No	
			Yes No	
			Yes No	
			Yes No	

Where did your previous pets stay while unattended? In house, crated/confined In house, free roam of the house
Garage Basement Outdoors
Have you ever had any complaints about your pets? Yes No If, yes, please elaborate:
Have you ever applied to adopt or adopted a pet from a Humane Society or Rescue Group? Yes No
If yes, how long ago? If yes, please provide name of Humane Society or Rescue Group:
Are you currently working with another rescue group or Humane Society to find a GSD? Yes No
*If yes, please provide the name of the rescue or Humane Society *This will not exclude you from working with BGSR.

Veterinary Information: Please list any Veterinarian(s) you have used within the past 5 years. Please list your most recent vet first.

Clinic Name	Veterinarian's Name	Address including City & State	Phone number w/area code

You must contact your veterinarian to authorize the release of records/information regarding your pets to BGSR. Failure to do so may significantly delay the processing of your application.

Personal References: Please provide two personal references. One reference must be a NON-RELATIVE. Please use references that are familiar with your daily activities, household dynamics, and if applicable, your past or present pets

First & Last Name	Relationship	Phone # w/area code	E-Mail Address	Best time to call

Residence Information:

House Condo Apartment Mobile Home	Do you? Own Residence *Rent Residence
Approximate size of yard?	Is your yard fenced? Yes No
Do you have a pool? Yes No	If yes, what type of fence? Chain Link Privacy
If yes, is the pool secured? Yes No	Invisible Other Fence Height Feet
If you do not have a fenced yard, please describe how you will safely handle exercise and potty breaks:	
Do you have an outside dog run or kennel? Yes No	Are there any outside distractions (check all that apply)?
If yes, is there access to the house or garage? Yes No	Neighboring dogs or cats Loose dogs or cats
If no, what shelter is available?	Children Busy street
Do children or strangers have access to your yard?	Have you checked your home/yard for dangerous objects, plants, or chemicals? Yes No
Yes No	
Are you willing to make improvements to your home or yard in order to provide a safe and secure environment for your dog?	
Yes No	
*If you rent, provide Landlord's name:	Phone Number
You must send a copy of your lease with this application.	

The Adopted GSD:

Who is the GSD for?	Who will be the primary caretaker of the dog?
Have all household members discussed the pros & cons of owning a GSD?	Yes No
Does everyone in the household want a GSD? Yes No	If no, who in the household objects and why?
How many hours per day will your GSD be unattended?	0-4 hours 4-8 hours 8-12 hours More than 12 hours
If your GSD will be unattended for extended periods of time, do you have arrangements in place to allow the dog out?	
Yes No	If yes, please describe arrangements:
Where will the dog be kept while you are away from home?	Crated, inside house Uncrated, free roam of house
Basement Garage Outdoor kennel run Tied out in yard Loose, outdoors Other:	
Where will the dog be kept when people are home?	Inside Outside
Where will the dog sleep at night?	Crated, inside house Uncrated, free roam of house Basement Garage
Outdoor kennel run Tied out in yard Loose, outdoors Other:	
How much do you anticipate spending per year to feed, vaccinate, license, & provide medical care for your new GSD?	
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Where & How will you exercise your GSD?	
Will you use a leash to walk your GSD? Yes No	

Behavior & Training:

In addition to the required obedience course(s), how much time & effort do you plan to devote to training your new GSD? Please be specific:
What is your definition of disciplining a dog?

What would be your response when your new GSD makes a mistake?
Have you considered how to prevent or correct behavior problems such as Barking, Housebreaking, Chewing, Digging, or Aggression? Yes No Please explain how you would deal with these types of behavior:
It may take your new GSD a month or longer to adjust to its new home. During that adjustment period, some undesirable behaviors may emerge such as, housebreaking issues, intestinal distress, pacing, etc. Are you prepared/willing to work through the adjustment period with a new GSD? Yes No If no, why not?

General Information:

Does your lifestyle allow for the time and energy needed to properly care for and train a GSD? Yes No Please explain:
Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives, and/or children may gain admittance to your home or property without your supervision? Yes No If yes, please elaborate:
German Shepherds may live longer than 10 years. Are you ready to take responsibility for the dog's entire lifetime? Yes No If no, why not?
How would a significant change in lifestyle (i.e. birth of a child, significant family illness, moving, change of employment) affect the dog?

If you have children or children who visit on a regular basis, please complete the following questions. If not, move on to next section.

Are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of owning a GSD? This may include "childproofing" your dog & additional training sessions with the children and dog, etc? Yes No
Are you willing to teach the children the proper way to handle live animals, especially a large breed dog? Yes No
Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all of your children's friends? Yes No If your GSD doesn't like one of your children's friends, what will you do?

Adoption Responsibilities:

Do you agree to return the GSD to BGSR in the event that you are no longer able to keep the dog? Yes No
Do you agree to contact BGSR if you are considering euthanizing the GSD for non-terminal health or physical suffering reasons? Yes No
Are you willing to allow a BGSR member to visit your home? Yes No If no, why:
Do you agree to contact a BGSR member if your new GSD is having difficulty (behavioral problems, etc) adjusting to your home? Yes No If no, why:

Adoption Fees:

Our Adoption Fees are subject to change and you should check with a BGSR Volunteer to verify the adoption fee of the particular dog you are interested in adopting.

Under 1 year old – \$225.00
 1-7 years old - \$200.00
 Over 7 years old - \$150.00

*An additional fee will be added to the Adoption Fee to ensure completion of required obedience classes and spaying or neutering (if necessary). The additional fee(s) will be reimbursed upon receipt of obedience and/or spay/neuter certificate.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match your needs with GSD's in our program.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

By submitting this Adoption Application I authorize my veterinarian and personal references to release any information requested by BGSR and/or its representatives.

We reserve the right to refuse or deny any application. By submitting this form, you attest that all the information contained in the application is complete and truthful. In addition, you expressly authorize Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc to verify the information on this Adoption Questionnaire form. Any misrepresentation will constitute grounds for automatic rejection.

By submitting this form or acting upon any information provided by Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc, you are agreeing to forever, release, discharge, hold harmless and indemnify: any and all entities, corporations, and persons that are associated in any manner with Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc, the information, or the dogs; charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, which includes but is not limited to: Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc and its Board of Directors, Rescue Volunteers, etc. including their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns; from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action belonging to you and any other persons, corporations, or entities, arising out of viewing, using, or acting upon said information, which includes but is not limited to: any and all injuries, damages, or claims resulting from placing, obtaining or maintaining a dog or dogs.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Co-Applicant Signature:

Date:

Additional Applicant Information or Comments: