

**Badgerland German Shepherd Rescue, Inc.**  
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**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**

BADGERLAND GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE, INC. (BGSR) is an incorporated group of individuals volunteering their time, money, love and efforts to rescue German Shepherd Dogs, whether or not purebred, who have been abandoned, surrendered to animal shelters/humane societies, or surrendered to BGSR by their owners. BGSR is always seeking volunteers who love dogs in general, and who have a particular love for the GSD breed. BGSR welcomes and encourages your interest in volunteering.

Volunteering a little bit of your time helps a homeless GSD in countless ways. BGSR needs volunteers to provide a variety of assistance, from creating and distributing flyers to local veterinary offices, grooming businesses and kennels, to attending "dog events" with or without a GSD, to transporting GSDs, and, we especially need good foster homes. There are many volunteer activities needed to fulfill BGSR's ultimate goal of finding permanent homes for homeless GSDs. Your creativity in helping meet that purpose will be greatly appreciated!

Please take the time to complete this application and return it to the above address. After reviewing the information you provide, one of BGSR's representatives will contact you regarding your time availability and the volunteer activities in which you have expressed an interest. Please do not be offended by all of the information BGSR seeks. BGSR is attempting to match your desires with BGSR's needs and the needs of numerous homeless GSDs, all of whom have unique personalities and physical conditions. The more information you can provide, the more likely everyone involved will have a satisfactory volunteer experience and relationship.

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

**Personal Information:**

First Name:	Last Name:	Month/Year of Birth:
First Name:	Last Name:	Month/Year of Birth:
Address:		City, State ZIP:
Home Phone #:	Work Phone #:	
Cell Phone #:	Best time to call:	
E-Mail Address:		
Do you have daily access to your e-mail? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If no, how often can you check e-mail?

Employer:	Phone #:	How long employed:
Employer Contact Name:	Employer Address:	

Have you discussed what impact your volunteer activities could have on your family life (i.e. Fostering a GSD, evaluations of dogs, time away from family, etc):  Yes  No

**Personal References: Please provide three personal references. No household members please.**

Name	Relationship	Address, including city & state	Phone # w/area code	E-Mail Address

**Pet History:**

Have you ever owned a GSD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many companion 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please explain:

**Current Pets:**

Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Spayed/Neutered
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

**Previous Pets:**

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

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

Please describe why you are interested in volunteering for a group dedicated to rescuing dogs, particularly the German Shepherd Dog Breed?

Please check the volunteer activities in which you would like to participate:  
 Transport    Fostering    Surrenders    Adoptions    Marketing    Fundraising    Education

Do you have any experience, past or present, working with animal rescues:    Yes    No  
 If yes, which organization:

Approximately how many hours per week do you have available for volunteer activities?

Have you ever volunteered for any other organizations?    Yes    No  
 If yes, please name organization(s)

Do you have any experience/training in any of the following dog-related areas? Check any/all that apply.  
 Dog Breeding    Dog Training    Dog Grooming    Veterinary Assistant    Kennel Assistant  
 Pet Store Sales    Other:  
 If you have checked any of the above, please describe the nature & extent of your experience:

Have you ever been bitten/attacked by a dog?    Yes    No  
 If yes, please describe:

Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know?    Yes    No

Do you understand that dogs may be unpredictable and that BGSR cannot guarantee that a dog we are attempting to rescue may become aggressive?    Yes    No

Are you willing to assume the risks involved with working with animals who are sometimes frightened and who are in unfamiliar surroundings and the possibility that the dog may become aggressive and/or bite you and/or another person or your companion animals including possible medical expenses should you be bitten?    Yes    No

Are you willing to transport GSD's in your personal vehicle?   Yes   No  
 If yes, are you willing to accept any risk involved in transporting a dog inside of your vehicle?    Yes    No  
 What type of vehicle do you have for transporting dogs?

Do you have a large crate or does your home have an outside kennel for the temporary confinement of dogs?    Yes    No  
 Crate    Kennel    Both

Are your companion animals accustomed to being introduced to strange GSD's?    Yes    No

***If you wish to foster, please complete next section.***

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

First Name	Last Name	Month/Year of Birth	Relationship	Full Time or Part Time
				<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT
				<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT
				<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT
				<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT
				<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT

**Residence Information:**

House    Condo    Apartment    Mobile Home   Do you?    Own Residence    Rent Residence

How many animals are you legally allowed to own in your community?  
 Will your community allow you to exceed the limits for a temporary foster dog?

Approximate size of yard?   Is your yard fenced?    Yes    No  
 If yes, what type of fence?    Chain Link    Privacy  
 Invisible    Other   Fence Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

Do you have a pool?    Yes    No  
 If yes, is the pool secured?    Yes    No

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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is there access to the house or garage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, what shelter is available?	Are there any outside distractions (check all that apply)? <input type="checkbox"/> Neighboring dogs or cats <input type="checkbox"/> Loose dogs or cats <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Busy street
Do children or strangers have access to your yard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you checked your home/yard for dangerous objects, plants, or chemicals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you willing to make improvements to your home or yard in order to provide a safe and secure environment for your foster dog? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

How many hours per day will the GSD be unattended? <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 4-8 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 8-12 hours <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 hours
If the GSD will be unattended for extended periods of time, do you have arrangements in place to allow the dog out? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe arrangements:
Where will the dog be kept while you are away from home? <input type="checkbox"/> Crated, inside house <input type="checkbox"/> Uncrated, free roam of house <input type="checkbox"/> Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor kennel run <input type="checkbox"/> Tied out in yard <input type="checkbox"/> Loose, outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Where will the dog be kept when people are home? <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside
Where will the dog sleep at night? <input type="checkbox"/> Crated, inside house <input type="checkbox"/> Uncrated, free roam of house <input type="checkbox"/> Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor kennel run <input type="checkbox"/> Tied out in yard <input type="checkbox"/> Loose, outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
What is your definition of disciplining a dog?
What would be your response when your foster GSD makes a mistake?
Have you considered how to prevent or correct behavior problems such as Barking, Housebreaking, Chewing, Digging, or Aggression? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please explain how you would deal with these types of behavior:
It may take your foster 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 foster dog? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, why not?
Some foster GSD's may benefit from obedience training. Would you be willing to attend training with the dog? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
BGSR requires that foster dogs are fed a premium quality dog food that can range from \$35 and up. Are you willing to feed your foster GSD a premium quality dog food? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>*BGSR will reimburse for food expenses on a quarterly basis &amp; upon request of the foster home.</i>

## AGREEMENT

I understand that BGSR will determine the criteria for becoming a volunteer with BGSR and specifically for being selected as a foster home. BGSR will also decide which dogs will be fostered and select the foster home for each such dog from a pre-approved list. If I am approved as a foster home, I may always refuse any request for fostering a GSD for any reason. I understand that I will be informed by BGSR of any medical or emotional conditions that the GSD may have, based upon information provided to BGSR by the former owner or animal shelter/humane society. I understand that as a volunteer, whether or not a foster home caregiver, I am expected to keep the GSD secure, to care for it humanely, to return it to BGSR upon request and not to promise the GSD to anyone or imply that I have the authority to approve a potential adoption.

BGSR retains ownership of all rescued GSDs in foster care and will make all decisions regarding the adoption or euthanasia

of fostered GSD's. All adoptions will be approved by BGSR. I understand that BGSR may occasionally need to euthanize a GSD that I have cared for while in my foster home or have otherwise worked with as a volunteer, if the GSD becomes sick or exhibits behavior problems making the GSD unsuitable for placement as a companion animal or for any other reasons as determined by the BGSR Board of Directors.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to abide by the following terms during the time I am a volunteer for BGSR:

- 1. I will treat all GSDs as a responsible and humane caregiver, whether or not I am selected as a foster home.
- 2. I will not use any GSD that comes to me through BGSR for breeding purposes of my own or allow it to be so used by any other person.
- 3. I will remember in all my dealings with the public that I represent BGSR.
- 4. I agree that any GSD in my care, whether through foster home caretakership or other volunteer activities, remains the possession and property of BGSR until that GSD is placed in a permanent home. I further agree in the event of my death, my heirs/assigns/partners/spouse will return the dog to BGSR.

I have read and understand all of the statements above. Further, I understand that although BGSR takes reasonable care to screen the GSDs, it makes no guarantees relating to the GSD's health, behavior or actions. I understand that any contact I have with a GSD, whether as a foster home or other volunteer activities, is done at my own risk. If I am selected as a foster home caretaker, I can reject or return any GSD for which BGSR has asked me to provide care. As a volunteer for BGSR, I acknowledge that BGSR is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, third parties or my other companion animals by any BGSR GSD whom I come into contact with as a volunteer, and I assume all liability for providing adequate controls to prevent such damage or injury.

I accept full responsibility for any and all expenses incurred during my tenure as a volunteer and representative for BGSR, except for those pre-approved by BGSR. If applicable, I further agree to keep records of GSDs evaluated, fostered, or otherwise handled, BGSR forms relating to surrenders, adoptions, etc., monies collected and expenses incurred for each and every BGSR GSD I work with. I further agree that such records are the property of BGSR and that a representative thereof may request to view and/or obtain these records at any time. In the event I resign as a volunteer, whether voluntarily or by request of BGSR, I hereby agree to return any GSD in my possession and all BGSR GSD records and/or BGSR property over to BGSR within ten days of resignation of request date.

I have accurately completed this Volunteer Application and Agreement and I have read the above warnings and appreciate the risks involved in working with GSDs. I understand that BGSR cannot be responsible for the actions, behaviors, and/or medical condition of the GSDs that it seeks to rescue, and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with GSDs which may have been abandoned, beaten or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition or disease.

AGREED TO BY VOLUNTEER:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY BGSR

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
(BGSR Representative)