



## GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE of SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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**Please return form to :**  
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### VOLUNTEER APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

German Shepherd Rescue of Southeastern Pennsylvania ("GSR-SP") was established in early 1999 to address the need to provide for the rescue and care of pure-bred German Shepherds who have been abandoned or turned into animal shelters in the Philadelphia and surrounding counties area. GSR-SP is completely staffed by volunteers who love dogs and have a particular fondness for the German Shepherd breed. GSR always welcomes new volunteers and we are delighted that you are interested in helping out. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire and return it to the above address. After reviewing the information you provide, one of our GSR-SP representatives will contact you regarding your time availability and the volunteer activities in which you have expressed an interest.

<b>Today's Date:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Day Phone #: (     )</b>	<b>Evening Phone #: (     )</b>
<b>E-mail address:</b>	
<b>E-mail address:</b>	
<b>Driver's License Number:</b>	<b>State of Issue:</b>
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### **QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH DOGS AND OTHER PETS**

**1. What other animals currently live at your residence? (Please list and explain each below.)**

Name	Type of Pet	Sex	Age	How Long Owned?	Kept Where?
1		M or F			
2		M or F			
3		M or F			
4		M or F			

*\*Please use the reverse of this paper to indicate if you have any other animals residing in your home.*

*\*\* If you own a dog, please specify the breed*

1a. Are all of your current pets spayed or neutered?  Yes  No *If not why?*

2. Have you owned dogs in the past?  Yes  No *If "Yes", please indicate the following:*

BREED	What happened to the dog? (i.e., died from? Gave away because?)
1.	
2.	
3.	

3. Do you have experience/training in any of the following dog-related areas of work? *(check all that apply)*

- Dog Breeding  Dog Training  Dog Grooming  Kennel Assistant
- Pet Store Sales  Animal Rescue  Veterinary Assistant

If you checked off any of the above categories, please briefly explain the nature and extent of your work/training experience:

4. Have you ever been bitten/attacked by a dog? [  ]Yes [  ]No *If "Yes", please explain:*

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5. Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know? [  ]Yes [  ]No

6. Do you understand that dogs may be unpredictable and that GSR cannot guarantee that a dog, which we are attempting to rescue, may not become aggressive? [  ]Yes [  ]No

7. 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 or a companion? [  ]Yes [  ]No

8. Have you ever been investigated for/charged with any crime(s), including crimes related to mis-treatment of or cruelty to animals? [  ]Yes [  ]No *If "Yes", please explain:*

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9. Does your home have an outdoor kennel or other facilities for the temporary housing of rescued dogs? [  ]Yes [  ]No

10. What type of vehicle do you have for transporting dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you willing to accept any risk involved in transporting a dog inside your vehicle? [  ]Yes [  ]No

**QUESTIONS REGARDING OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

12. Do you presently serve as a volunteer for any other groups or organizations? [ ]Yes  
[ ]No

If "Yes", please fill in the following:

Organization?	How have you been involved?	Nature of your volunteer work
1.		
2.		
3.		

13. Approximately how many hours per week, total, do you have available for volunteer activities? \_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

14. What types of volunteer services have you performed in the past (*other than listed in question 12*) for other volunteer organizations?

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**QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR INTEREST IN GSR-SP**

15. How did you hear about GSR-SP?

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16. Briefly, please describe why you are interested in volunteering for a group dedicated to rescuing dogs, particularly the German Shepherd breed:

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17. Please indicate, by checking (✓) as many boxes that apply to the types of volunteer work you would like to do and your availability in terms of time:

	YES	NO	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Hours availa
Transport Dogs						
Evaluate Dogs						
Make Phone Calls						
Receive Phone Calls						
Temporary Shelter for Dogs/Foster						
	YES	NO	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Hours availa
Web Design and/or web Management; other computer related skills						
Fundraising						
Increasing Awareness of GSR-SP by sitting at dog shows/pet shops						
Contributing to Newsletter						
Other: (please explain)						

18. Do you presently have a driver's license? [ ]Yes [ ]No

Yes - State/License # \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you have auto insurance? [ ]Yes [ ]No *If "Yes" - Please provide the following information:*

Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you have health insurance? [ ]Yes [ ]No *If "Yes" - Please provide the following information:* Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**21.** Please list two (2) references whom we may contact and state their relationship to you. References cannot be family members of the immediate household, and no more than one non-resident family member may be used as a personal reference. **(If you wish to foster please go to #27 below)**

Name	Phone # (w/ area code)	Relationship
1.	(      )	
2.	(      )	

**22.** Please use the space below to explain/describe any other information, which you think is relevant or important about yourself:

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### **QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS WISHING TO FOSTER**

**23.** Does your home have an outdoor kennel or other facilities for the temporary housing of rescued dogs? [ ]Yes [ ]No

**24.** If you are a single person, do you travel often? [ ] NO [ ] YES, but during my absence I will ensure care for the dog by *(please explain:)* \_\_\_\_

**25.** How many people currently live at your residence, *including you*?  
(Please list and explain relationship of each below.)

Name	Relationship to you	Age
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

*\*Please use the back of this paper to indicate more people residing at your home*

**26.** Which of the following best describes your current residence? (Please check only one response.)

- I/We own a single home                       I/We rent/lease a single home  
 I/We own a condo/townhouse               I we own a  
rowhouse/twin/duplex  
 I/We rent/lease a condo/townhouse       I/We rent/lease a  
rowhouse/twin/duplex  
 I/We rent an apartment                       I/We own or rent a mobile  
home/trailer  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**\* PLEASE NOTE: If you rent/lease your place of residence, a copy of your lease will be requested before you are permitted to foster.**

**27.** Introduction of a foster dog may require you to keep it separated from your current pets. Do you have safe areas in your home where this can be done or a plan on how you would go about keeping your animals both safe and comfortable? Please explain briefly.

**28.** Please list three (3) personal references and a veterinary reference whom we may contact and state their relationship to you. References cannot be family members of the immediate household, and no more than one non-resident family member may be used as a personal reference.

Name	Phone # (w/ area code)	Relationship
1.	( )	
2.	( )	
3.	( )	

4.	( )	
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German Shepherd Rescue of Southeastern Pennsylvania welcomes all volunteers and is most appreciative of your time and effort. *However*, we **must** caution you that working with stray and abandoned animals carry risks. We cannot predict the temperament of any dog and cannot guarantee you that the dog may not become aggressive. Therefore, you must understand that you are assuming certain risks if you agree to work directly with the dogs.

We want you to understand and acknowledge these potential risks before deciding in which volunteer activities you would like to participate.

I have accurately completed this questionnaire and have read the above warning and appreciate the risks involved in working with the dogs. I understand that German Shepherd Rescue of Southeastern Pennsylvania cannot be responsible for the actions, behavior and/or medical condition of all of the dogs which it seeks to rescue and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with dogs who may have been abandoned, beaten, or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition or disease.

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*Signature of Volunteer*

*Dated*

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*Signature of Volunteer #2*

*Dated*

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*Signature of Consent of Additional Household Adults*

*Dated*

**All additional household members who are adults must sign that they consent to having a foster dog in the home. If more than one, please sign on the reverse side of this page.**

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*Witness: May not be a signatory*

*Dated*

<b>FOR GSR-SP USE ONLY:</b>
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<b>Volunteer interviewed by:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____
<b>Notes:</b> _____
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<b>References checked by:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____
<b>Approved by:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____

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