

Please fill this form out completely and email it to: info@northwestgermanshepherd.org
 Please make sure to answer all questions as accurately as possible. Once your application is received, an adoption counselor will call you to discuss your application. Any missing information may result in delays in processing your application.



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF / FAMILY:

Contact Information

Name:	Home Phone:
Address	Mobile Phone:
City:	Alternate Phone:
State:	Best # and Time to Call:
Zip:	Email:

How did you hear about our rescue?

Petfinder
 Adoptapet
 Newspaper
 Flyer (where) _____
 Web Search
 Shelter
 NWGSR Website
 Personal Referral _____
 Other _____

Have you applied to another rescue or shelter to adopt in the past 2 years? No Yes

If yes, please supply the name of rescue or shelter:

Employment Information

Employer: _____
 Occupation: _____
 How long at present job: _____
 How many hours do you spend per day working away from your home on average? _____

How many people currently live at your residence? _____ Please list each below, including yourself:

Name	Age or Adult	Relationship to you

Does anyone in the household have any known allergies to animals? No Yes

If yes, please explain:

Personal Reference *other than relative or vet:*

Name: _____
 Relationship: _____
 Years Known: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Alternate Phone: _____
 Best time to call: _____

Veterinary Reference:

Name of vet or office:	Name of vet or office:
Phone number:	Phone number:
Address:	Address:
Pets seen by this vet/ office:	Pets seen by this vet/ office:
Date of last visit:	Date of last visit:

YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Do you own or rent your home: Own Rent **If rent, please include a copy of your lease.**

If renting, do you have your landlord’s permission to keep a dog, No Yes;

Are there any weight or breed restrictions? No Yes List: _____

Landlords contact information (Name or Company and Phone number):

Which of the following best describes your type of home:

- Apartment, Condominium, Townhouse or other multiple family dwelling with no yard**;
- Apartment, Condominium, Townhouse or other multiple family dwelling with a yard**;
- Single Family Home with no yard (e.g, small city lot)
- Single Family Home with yard
- Single Family Home with acreage

****If you live in a condominium/co-op, or your house is part of a homeowners association, please provide a copy of the bylaws, rules and regulations of such organization stating that there are no restrictions regarding owning a dog. If there is a limit on the number of pets you are allowed, please note the limit on the copy of the bylaws.**

How long have you lived at this address: Months Years

Do you have a fenced yard?	No	Yes
Fence Type & Height:		
What type of gates?		
How large is the fenced area?		
Does fencing completely enclose a yard for a dog?	No	Yes
Is the fence secure and solid?	No	Yes
Is the fenced-in area directly accessible through a door of your living area?	No	Yes
Have you checked the yard for dangerous articles, plants or anything the dog could use to climb the fence?	No	Yes
Is there a doggie door to the yard?	No	Yes
Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard that could plague the dog? (such as neighbors’ dog, loose dogs on street, mischievous children)	No	Yes
Can strangers gain access to your yard?	No	Yes
Is there a family member home during the day?	No	Yes
Is there a family member home during the evening?	No	Yes

If no fence, how will you handle the dogs exercise and potty needs, etc.?

PREVIOUS PET INFO: What pets have you owned in the last 15 years? (Include all types of pets)

Name	Type/Breed	Gender	Neutered/ Spayed? Y/N	Age	Years owned	What happened to pet? *

***For any pets you have rehomed, please explain the circumstances:**

Have you had any complaints about your pets? No Yes - Please elaborate: _____

Have you crated your dogs in the past? No Yes

Have you attended obedience classes before? No Yes

What is your definition or philosophy of disciplining and training a dog?

In order to determine your level of experience regarding training, please tell us if you have dealt with any of the following behavior issues:

Counter surfing:	No	Yes	Chasing cats or other smaller pets (prey drive):	No	Yes
Housetraining accidents:	No	Yes	Separation anxiety(whining, destructiveness or acting out when left alone):	No	Yes
Leash pulling:	No	Yes	Shyness or uneasiness toward strangers:	No	Yes
Inappropriate chewing:	No	Yes	Herding behaviors(e.g., chasing or herding people or animals):	No	Yes
Barking:	No	Yes	Aggression toward other dogs:	No	Yes
Fence jumping:	No	Yes	Resource guarding:	No	Yes
Submissive urination:	No	Yes			

CURRENT PET INFORMATION: What animals currently live in the household? (Please list)

Name	Type/Breed	Gender	Neutered/ Spayed? Y/N	Age	Years owned	Indoor/Outdoor?

WHICH DOG IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Who is this German Shepherd for? _____

Is there a particular dog of ours that you are interested in? No Yes (Who?) _____

Why do you want a dog? (**Check all that apply**): Companion Guard dog Hunting Exercise partner
 Companion for other pet Service/Therapy work Advanced Obedience (Shutzhund, Agility, etc.)
 Other _____

Which other breeds have you considered? _____

Please indicate your preference Male Female No Preference

Do you have a preference for the **Color** of your new dog? (specify) _____

What is your preference for the **Age** of your new dog?

Under 1 year 1-2 years 2 - 4 years Over 4 years No preference

Please list the expectations you have for the age group you want to adopt, including positive and negative aspects that you have taken into consideration.

What is it about German Shepherd Dogs that has generated your interest in the breed?

Which of these characteristics you find **most** appealing about a new dog? (**Choose three** and number the choices - 1 =BEST, 2 = 2nd BEST, etc.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive	<input type="checkbox"/> Playful	<input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent
<input type="checkbox"/> Loving	<input type="checkbox"/> Shy	<input type="checkbox"/> Protective	<input type="checkbox"/> Submissive	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominant	<input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Attributes (size, color, coat, appearance)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

What characteristics would you find **least** appealing in a new dog? (**Check all that apply**)

Shyness Independence Clinginess Submissive Poor training
 Playful Couch potato Protective Hyperactive Health issues
 Barking Hair shedding Aggressive Affectionate Challenging
 Disabilities Sleeping on furniture

What characteristics might cause you to want to return an adopted dog. (**Check all that apply**)

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 Playful Couch potato Protective Hyperactive Health issues
 Barking Hair shedding Aggressive Affectionate Challenging
 Disabilities Sleeping on furniture Other: _____

Explain each in detail:

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your German Shepherd? _____

What is your family's overall reaction to owning a dog? _____

What members are enthusiastic? _____ Unenthusiastic? _____

What complaints, concerns, or objections have been made? _____

What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training a new dog?

- 0-15 minutes/day
 15-30 minutes/day
 30-60 min/day
 More than 60 min/day
 Less than 1 hour/week
 1-2 hours/week
 2-4 hours/week
 More than 5 hours/week
 Weekends only
 Days off only

Approximately how many hours per day will your new dog be alone? 3 hours or less 4-6 hours
 7-9 hours 10-12 hours More than 12 hours/day

If you checked six hours or longer what provisions will you make for the dog to relieve itself and get exercise during your absence? _____

How will you provide exercise for your new dog? _____

Where are you planning on keeping this dog while someone is home? _____

Where will your dog stay when left home alone? _____

What kind of sleeping arrangements will be made for your dog? _____

What area of the house will your dog NOT have access to? _____

The following questions will help determine if a German Shepherd may be the right choice of pet for your family:

Will your new dog be allowed to sleep on your furniture?	No	Yes
Do you have a crate large enough for a GSD?	No	Yes
Do you have the space in your home for a GSD-sized crate?	No	Yes
Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is such that you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a German Shepherd?	No	Yes
Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and/or children gain admittance to your home, property and car without your supervision?	No	Yes
If you have children are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a German Shepherd?	No	Yes
Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all of your children's friends	No	Yes
Does everyone in the family want a dog?	No	Yes
Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a German Shepherd?	No	Yes
Have you considered the financial cost of dog ownership?	No	Yes
Are you financially prepared to give your dog routine medical care as we require	No	Yes
Are you financially prepared to pay for the cost of unforeseen illness and accidents?	No	Yes
Are you aware that GSDs are chronic shedders?	No	Yes

Are you financially prepared to provide your new dog with appropriate toys for entertainment?	No	Yes
To facilitate the bonding process we recommend each new German Shepherd attend introductory obedience training. Would you be willing to attend training with your dog?	No	Yes
Have you and your family considered that a dog lives for many years; are you willing to accept the commitment?	No	Yes

Would you consider volunteering for our organization? YES NO *If yes, in which of the following?*

- Foster Care Transportation of animals Telephone calling Home Visits Fundraising
 Computer assistance Other? _____

All of the above information I have given is true and complete. If I adopt a dog from the Northwest German Shepherd Rescue, the dog will reside in my home as a pet. I will provide him/her with adequate water, a high quality dog food, shelter, training, affection and medical care. I understand that the Northwest German Shepherd Rescue is a referral service and is not responsible for the accuracy of information received about the habits, temperament, or physical condition of the dogs available for adoption. I understand it is my responsibility to evaluate a dog for myself before agreeing to adopt him/her. I am in full agreement of the terms of the adoption. The Northwest German Shepherd Rescue shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved from, all liability for any damage, expenses, causes of action, fines, suits, demands, judgments, or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from or by any reason of any damage to property or injury to any persons caused in whole or in part during the visitation of the dog up for adoption and a dog placed in your home. I hereby accept and assume such liability and agree to protect, indemnify and hold the Northwest German Shepherd Rescue harmless from and against all of the aforesaid.

Completing, signing and returning this document constitutes your permission for us to check references.

Both parties agree that this application can be executed by the applicant and sent to Northwest German Shepherd Rescue via hand delivery, US Mail, Federal Express or any other recognized overnight delivery service or by email. If the applicant would like to send the document via email, applicant and the Northwest German Shepherd Rescue both agree that the applicant's signature is valid and binding upon the parties.

As part of the adoption process and before placing any dog, you will be asked to sign a contract in which you agree to certain conditions including keeping the dog as an indoor house pet, maintaining regular veterinary care, allowing a rescue representative to visit your home before and/or after placement of the dog, and finally, surrender back to Northwest German Shepherd Rescue, (not animal control nor a shelter) the dog, if you violate the contract or are unable to keep the dog for any reason.

Are you willing to sign and be bound by such a contract? Yes No

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and that I will be the legal owner of, and ultimately and solely responsible for the care and well-being of any dog I adopt from Northwest German Shepherd Rescue. Any misrepresentation of the true facts in this application or in the adoption agreement will invalidate the adoption agreement and will give Northwest German Shepherd Rescue the legal right to reclaim the adopted dog immediately without monetary or material compensation to the adopter.

Signed:

Date:

Thank you for contacting Northwest German Shepherd Rescue. We look forward to working with you.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT, IN OUR SOLE DISCRETION, TO REFUSE ANY APPLICANT FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER