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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 to the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Best number to reach you at:  Home  Cell  Work

What days/times are best to reach you by phone? \_\_\_\_\_

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you need a referral for veterinary care?  Yes  No
- Are there children who live in or regularly visit your home (such as grandchildren and neighbor children)  
 Yes  No What are the children's ages? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 their breed and age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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? \_\_\_\_\_

8. 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: \_\_\_\_\_
9. How much time per day do you plan to exercise your dog? What kind of exercise? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Why do you want a German Shepherd Dog (GSD)? *check all that apply*  
 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
11. 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  
 Do you need a referral for dog training?  Yes  No
12. 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) \_\_\_\_\_
13. 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
14. 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
15. Where will your dog sleep?  
 Outdoors in kennel or doghouse  Garage  Inside with family
16. 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
17. 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 \_\_\_\_\_
18. 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 questionnaires with other groups, you must complete our form in order to adopt our dogs.*
19. Do you have any additional comments to help us find the right dog for you?  
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