



# BrightStar

## GERMAN SHEPHERD

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### Adoption Application

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include area codes)

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DOG YOU ARE SEEKING

1. Do you have any preference as to the sex of your new German Shepherd Dog? (Please check one only)

- MALE  
 FEMALE  
 NO PREFERENCE

2. Do you have any preference as to the color of your new German Shepherd Dog? (Please check all that apply)

- Black & Tan     White     Black & Silver     Solid Black  
 Sable     Bicolor     Black & Red     No Preference

3. Do you have any preference as to the age of your new German Shepherd Dog? (Please check all that apply)

- Under 6 months    Under 1 year    1-2 years    2-4 years  
 4-6 years    6+ years    No Preference

4. What is it about German Shepherd dogs that has generated your interest in this particular breed?

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5. What other breeds have you/are you considering? Why are you considering these breeds?

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6. To assist us in selecting a dog for you, please indicate the three (3) characteristics that you and/or your family find most important/appealing for your new German Shepherd Dog. (Please choose only three and number the choices, i.e., 1=BEST, 2=SECOND BEST, 3=THIRD BEST)

- active    calm    playful    intelligent    independent    loving  
 protective    aggressive    dominant    submissive    shy/docile  
 outgoing/friendly    good with kids    good with other pets  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

7. BrightStar German Shepherd Rescue recommends that, to facilitate the bonding process, each new German Shepherd dog should attend some introductory "obedience training." Would a formal Obedience Training program be something that you, as a new owner, would be interested in? (If NO, please provide a brief explanation.)

- YES  
 NO, because \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with any other rescue organizations in your efforts to find a dog?

- NO  
 YES. Please indicate what other organization(s):

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## B. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND LIFESTYLE

9. 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 twin/duplex
- I/We rent/lease a condo/townhouse\*
- I/We rent/lease a 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 the adoption can be finalized.

10. How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_ years

11. If you have lived at your current residence for less than one (1) year, please provide address of your previous residence.

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12. Do you have access to a fenced area where you reside for exercising your new German Shepherd dog?

- NO
- YES (please describe):

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13. If you do not have access to a fenced area, would you like your BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE representative to provide recommendations on the safe confinement of your new German Shepherd Dog?

- YES
- NO, because I already have the following arrangements (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Approximately how many hours each day do you anticipate that your new German Shepherd Dog will be alone? (Please check only one response.)

- Three hours or less
- More than three hours, but less than six hours
- More than six hours, but less than twelve hours
- More than twelve hours, but less than eighteen hours

More than eighteen, but less than twenty-four hours

15. If you checked "More than six hours" or longer in Question #14 above, what provisions will you make for the dog to relieve itself and get exercise during your absence? (Please explain)

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

Name	Relationship to you	Age

17. Which person(s) in your household will likely spend the greatest amount of time with the new German Shepherd Dog?

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18. Which person(s) in your household will likely be most responsible for training and care of the new German Shepherd Dog?

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19. 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)

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20. Does anyone in your household have any known or suspected allergies to animals?

NO

YES (Please explain who and nature of allergy)

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### C. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CURRENT AND PRIOR PET OWNERSHIP

21. 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	Spayed/Neutered
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22. Have you owned a German Shepherd Dog before? (If YES, please provide us with a brief history about that dog(s).

NO

YES

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23. Have you owned any other pets within the past ten (10) years other than those listed in Question #21 above?

NO

YES - Please list name, breed and sex of each and explain what happened to all previously owned pets and the circumstances (i.e., died from \_\_\_\_\_, gave away because \_\_\_\_\_, etc.)

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24. Do you currently have a veterinarian or is there a veterinarian whom you have used in the past?

NO

YES - Please provide the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Time Vet Used: \_\_\_\_\_ years  
(include the area code)

**PLEASE contact your vet and authorize them to release your information to BrightStar.**

25. Do you plan to use the veterinarian listed in Question #24 above for your new German Shepherd Dog?

YES

NO - Please explain why and whom you will use instead:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Your BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE representative will attempt to assist you in locating a veterinarian in your area if you do not know of anyone.

26. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been investigated by any animal welfare organization, including the S.P.C.A., Humane Society, etc.?

NO

YES (please explain)

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\_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been charged with cruelty to animals?

NO

YES (please explain)

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D. PERSONAL DATA

28. What is your occupation?

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Please provide the following information:

Employer's name:

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Employer's address:

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Employer's phone #:

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long employed? \_\_\_\_\_ years

29. What is your spouse's occupation? (if applicable)

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Please provide the following information for your spouse:

Employer's name:

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Employer's address:

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Employer's phone #:

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long employed? \_\_\_\_\_ years

30. Has anyone in your household ever been investigated for, or charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, child abandonment, and/or, child abuse?

NO

YES (please explain)

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31. Please list the name, address and phone numbers (with area code) of three (3) personal references, other than your veterinarian.

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32. Please list the names of any animal organizations, clubs, etc. to which you belong or to whom you donate your time and/or money:

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#### E. INFORMATION FOR BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE FILE UPDATES

33. How did you find out about BrightStar German Shepherd Rescue of Rochester, NY?

- Vet (please indicate name \_\_\_\_\_)
- Shelter (please indicate which one \_\_\_\_\_)
- Pet Store/Fundraiser (Where? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Internet/Website (Specify Site \_\_\_\_\_)
- Newspaper (please indicate paper \_\_\_\_\_)
- Friend (please give name \_\_\_\_\_)
- Another animal rescue organization (please give name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other (please explain: \_\_\_\_\_)

34. Would you consider volunteering for BrightStar German Shepherd Rescue?

- NO
  - YES - Please check which of the following volunteer activities would interest you:
    - Fostering dogs
    - Transporting dogs
    - Telephone calling
    - Screening/interviewing of adopting candidates/Homechecks
    - Computer assistance/typing services
    - Contributing to the Newsletter
    - Increasing public awareness of BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE
    - Fundraising
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_
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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, including annual shots, allowing a BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE representative to visit your home before and/or after placement of the dog, and, finally, surrender back to BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE of the dog if you violate the contract. Are you willing to sign, and be bound by, such a contract?  YES  NO . I/We have read and carefully answered each question on this Adoption Questionnaire and have provided truthful answers. I/We understand that BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE will rely on the answers we have provided in going forward with the adoption process and, in the event that BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE learns that false information has been given, we may be denied the right to adopt a dog and/or any dog placed in our care by

BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE may be required to be returned to BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE and all fees paid by us to BRIGHTSTAR RESCUE will be forfeited.

Finally, we understand that the Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) we have submitted with this application is NON-REFUNDABLE.

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Adopter's Signature                      Date                                      Witness (must be over 18)

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this detailed questionnaire! Again, we will review the information you have provided and, within the next few weeks, a representative of BrightStar Rescue will contact you to discuss possible dogs for adoption that will fit with your personal circumstances.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE PROCESSING FEE.**

Please make checks payable to: BrightStar German Shepherd Rescue

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

BrightStar GSD Rescue  
PO Box 259  
Spencerport, NY 14559