**GERMAN SHEPHERD ADOPTION APPLICATION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AGE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Cell:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 May we contact your employer? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

1. DO YOU HAVE A FENCED YARD? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes: TYPE OF FENCE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF GATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any gaps in the fencing, in the covering of the home’s crawlspace, or other holes through which a dog might escape? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Can children or service people (e.g., meter readers) open the gate(s)? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Is the gate locked? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO Number of Gates: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. DO YOU HAVE A SECURE DOG RUN? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO SIZE OF DOG RUN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 If yes, is there access to both shade and shelter from rain in the dog run? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

3. WILL YOU TIE OR TETHER THE DOG OUTSIDE? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

4. WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, IF NECESSARY, WILL YOU MAKE TO SECURE YOUR YARD, AND WHEN WILL YOU COMPLETE THEM? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CURRENT RESIDENCE?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Own house \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rent/Lease House

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Own/Rent/Lease townhouse, condo or apartment

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you rent or lease, please provide your landlord’s name, phone and email address so that we may verify permission to have this breed on the premises: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. HAVE YOU OWNED A GERMAN SHEPHERD OR ANY DOG BEFORE? (IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY.)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. IF THE DOG IS NO LONGER WITH YOU, WHAT HAPPENED TO IT? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY ANIMALS IN YOUR HOME? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NO

If yes, please list them all and describe where they live in your home (inside, outside, etc). Include the type of animal (Dog/Cat/Bird/etc.), breed, age, sex, whether spayed/neutered/intact, and where kept:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9. PLEASE LIST ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY LIVE IN YOUR HOME (INCLUDE NAMES, RELATION TO YOU, AND AGES): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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10. PLEASE LIST ANY CHILDRED (STEP-CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES/NEPHEWS, FRIENDS’ CHILDREN, ETC.) WHO VISIT ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND PROVIDE THEIR AGES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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11. DO FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR HOME, PROPERTY AND CAR WITHOUT YOUR SUPERVISION? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

12. ARE YOU WILLING TO INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT VISIT YOUR HOME FREQUENTLY ON THE PROPER HANDLING AND CARE OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

13. IS THERE A VETERINARIAN THAT YOU USE NOW OR HAVE USED IN THE PAST? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

IF YES: VET'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF YOUR PET TREATED BY THAT VET\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. WHAT IS IT ABOUT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS THAT INTERESTS YOU? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. WHAT OTHER BREEDS, IF ANY, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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16. WHAT ARE THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEW GERMAN SHEPHERD?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACTIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_ CALM \_\_\_\_\_\_ PLAYFUL \_\_\_\_\_\_ INTELLIGENT

\_\_\_\_\_\_ LOVING \_\_\_\_\_\_ PROTECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_ AGGRESSIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_ DOMINANT

\_\_\_\_\_\_ SUBMISSIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_ SHY \_\_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT \_\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO CORRECT OR DISCIPLINE THE DOG? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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18. TO FACILITATE THE BONDING PROCESS, WE RECOMMEND THAT EVERY NEW GERMAN SHEPHERD UNDERGO SOME INTRODUCTORY OBEDIENCE TRAINING. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO COMMIT TO TAKING YOUR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG THROUGH AN OBEDIENCE-TRAINING CLASS? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_ NO

If yes, please identify the trainer, training method, club, or training program you plan to use (or let us know whether you would like us to recommend one): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have already identified a trainer or program, what is it that you like about this trainer, training method, or training program? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Have you previously trained a dog through a professional trainer or obedience club? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

 If yes, please provide contact information for the trainer or obedience club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 What books have you read on dog training? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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19. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE DOGS TO BE WELL SOCIALIZED. ARE YOU WILLING TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE DOG WELL SOCIALIZED WITH PEOPLE AS WELL AS OTHER DOGS, AND TAKE THE DOG TO GROUP ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, what group activities do you plan to use to enhance the dog’s social skills? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How often do you plan to do each of these activities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO EXERCISE YOUR DOG, AND HOW OFTEN?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Are you a jogger? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO How many miles per day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

21. DO YOU HAVE A POOL? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO If yes, is the pool fenced? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

 Do you plan to allow the dog to swim? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

22. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY HOURS EACH DAY WILL YOUR DOG BE ALONE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. HOW WILL YOUR DOG BE CONFINED WHEN LEFT HOME ALONE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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24. WILL THE DOG BE KEPT PRIMARILY INDOORS OR OUTDOORS? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. WHERE WILL THE DOG SLEEP AT NIGHT? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

26. ARE YOU WILLING TO USE A CRATE FOR THE DOG IF IT IS NECESSARY? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

 If yes, are you familiar with how to crate train the dog? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

27. ARE YOU AWARE THAT A GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG IS A LARGE, STRONG DOG, AND IT MAY JUMP UP AND KNOCK DOWN CHILDREN AND/OR THE ELDERLY? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

28. HAS ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN OR CHARGED WITH A CRIME INVOLVING ANIMAL ABUSE OR HAD AN ANIMAL IMPOUNDED BY ANIMAL CONTROL? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

29. HAS ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD EVER SURRENDERED A PET TO ANIMAL CONTROL?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

30. WHO WILL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR THE DOG?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

31. WHO WILL CARE FOR THE DOG WHEN YOU ARE ON VACATION? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

32. IF YOU MUST MOVE, WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE DOG? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

33. DOES ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY HAVE ALLERGIES TO DOGS? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

34. HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS OF OWNING A GERMAN SHEPHERD? \_\_\_ YES\_\_\_NO

35. IS EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GETTING A GERMAN SHEPHERD?

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

36. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE LONG COMMITMENT OF TIME AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR DOG OWNERSHIP? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

How much do you plan to spend each month for the care of a German Shepherd Dog?

 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (incl. food, toys, training, vet care, heartworm/flea preventative, etc.)

38. WHAT HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE WILL YOU USE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 How often will you administer this treatment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

36. WHAT FLEA CONTROL METHODS WILL YOU USE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

37. WHAT KIND OF FOOD ARE YOU PLANNING TO FEED THE DOG? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

38. HOW WILL YOU TRANSPORT THE DOG? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 If you have a truck, where will the dog ride in it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

39. Please list TWO references – at least ONE must be someone not related to you:

(1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you agree that by applying to adopt a dog, you are granting us permission to contact your references, vet, and landlord (if applicable) to inquire about your suitability as an adopter? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO**