

# Hominy Valley German Shepherd Rescue

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## Application to Adopt a Dog

**Completely fill out & sign application. You will receive a response within 7 days , & applications are held for 30 days if we do not currently have a dog that fits what you want/need. We will schedule a time for you to meet the dog you are interested in, and then make adoption arrangements at that meeting. If you are local, we will then bring the dog to your home, which will serve as the home visit, and go over all the paperwork and collect the adoption fee. If you are not local, we will ask for a few photos of your property & where the dog will be spending its time, before allowing you to pick up the dog and take him or her home.**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Dog(s) Applying for (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did you hear about HVGSR (if newspaper, which one)? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***(E-mail will be the primary means of our communication – please check it regularly!)***

Are you currently employed?  Yes  No Since (year): \_\_\_\_\_ (this assures us that you are able to afford a new dog)

1. Why do you want to adopt a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list any preferences (age, sex, personality, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever had an application declined for adoption of an animal from an animal welfare group/animal control facility?  yes  no Explain if yes (this does not mean you will be declined by HVGSR): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Describe the pets you currently own. (If you have more than 2 animals, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form):

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Spayed or Neutered?  yes  no Primarily Indoors or Outdoors? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
What year did you get the animal? \_\_\_\_\_ How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spayed or Neutered?  yes  no Primarily Indoors or Outdoors? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
What year did you get the animal? \_\_\_\_\_ How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Describe the pets you have previously owned in the last 10 years. (If you have had more than two animals, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form):

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Spayed or Neutered?  yes  no Primarily Indoors or Outdoors? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
What year did you get the animal? \_\_\_\_\_ How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
Year deceased (or last year you had pet)? \_\_\_\_\_ Cause of death, or where pet is now: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spayed or Neutered?  yes  no Primarily Indoors or Outdoors? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Year deceased (or last year you had pet)? \_\_\_\_\_ Cause of death, or where pet is now: \_\_\_\_\_

6. List each vet/animal hospital that you have used. (Please note that application review cannot be completed unless each vet's phone number is provided. If the space provided is insufficient, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form):

Name(s) and Phone # (for each Vet used): \_\_\_\_\_

What owner name(s) are records listed under? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last vet visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for visit: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name & phone # of vet you will use for your new dog: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog, including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training and boarding? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you willing to take the time to housebreak a dog, and do you understand that changing a dog's environment may cause the dog to have accidents even if previously housebroken?  yes  no

11. If you are applying for a puppy/dog who is *not* housetrained, how will you housetrain the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

12. If a behavioral problem arises, what will you do to fix it? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you willing to obtain an appropriately sized crate for your new dog?  yes  no

14. Do you plan to do obedience training?  yes  no Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Describe the circumstances (if any) in which you would walk/exercise the dog **on** leash: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Describe the circumstances (if any) in which you would walk/exercise the dog **off** leash: \_\_\_\_\_

17. How often will you exercise the dog and for approximately how long each time? \_\_\_\_\_

18. How many hours will the dog be left unattended (i.e., workday)? \_\_\_\_\_

19. When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)? \_\_\_\_\_

20. When you are home, where will the dog be? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Where will the dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

22. If you move, what will you do with the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Describe the kinds of personal situations where you might have to give up your adopted dog (i.e. job loss, children, move, marital change, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do **all adult** family members agree upon adopting a dog at this time?  yes  no

26. How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Are there any children in the household?  yes  no  sometimes If yes, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Who will be responsible for feeding and taking the dog outside? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Who will take care of the dog in the absence of the primary caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

30. What type of home do you live in?  house  townhouse  duplex  condo  apt  mobile

31. Do you own or rent your residence?  own  rent

If you rent: Landlord's name & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a written statement from your Landlord that it is okay for you to adopt a dog?  yes  no

Are there restrictions on breed/size of dog?  yes  no Explain if yes: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have rented your current residence for less than a year, please provide prior address and prior landlord contact phone number:**

Prior address: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Landlord's name & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

32. Do you have a fenced yard?  yes  no What type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_

How tall? (Give range of heights, if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_

33. If you do not have a fence, do you plan to install one?  yes  no If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Hominy Valley German Shepherd Rescue (HVGSR) reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal, with no refund being given. I give HVGSR permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and other related officials. If the application passes this review, I agree to a home and yard visit on a mutually agreed date by a HVGSR representative before an adoption decision is made.*

*In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received on this animal. I understand it is HVGSR's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that their decision is final, and therefore I will not argue with the decision. Unless otherwise indicated by HVGSR, I am free to apply and undergo the application process again in the future, if HVGSR does not currently have a dog to meet my needs.*

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Full Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Adobe will not allow you to save this form with any of the information you type into it! If you try to save it after you fill it out, it will delete everything and save only a blank copy!**