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Tampa Bay German Shepherd Rescue Our Owner Surrender Policy Due in part to the current real estate market and foreclosure crisis, Tampa Bay GSD Rescue has been filled beyond capacity. However, we would be happy to help you re-home an animal in need by offering a courtesy post on Petfinder. (Your dog must MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS - be spayed or neutered and have a sound temperament). If you are willing to continue caring for your pet until a suitable new home can be found, Please Email Us and DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. We'd be happy to help. It is preferable to seeing good dogs be unnecessarily put down in the shelters due to space considerations. If you are unable to care for your dog please contact us ASAP. If space is available we will take your dog in. We frequently have a waiting list of dogs to come in as space is available. (Dogs here do not live in cages like public shelters but have play yards to spend their days in or are in foster homes when available.) Tampa Bay German Shepherd Rescue wants to help and will try to work with you. Please keep in mind that shelter dogs and emergencies (owner death, medical problems, etc) have first priority; then owner turn-ins. We realize how difficult the decision to re-home your dog is but remind you to please do what is best for your dog. Dear Mom & Dad- All I need is: as much love as you can give me. I promise I'll give you ten times that amount in return! a regular trip to the vet to keep me healthy water - water - more fresh water nutrition - the best we can afford please shelter safety (leash/fence) training - activity for my mind heartworm/flea & tick prevention & regular trips to the vet exercise - exercise - more exercise - activity for my body grooming - you'll notice right away if something's wrong ID - so I'll never be homeless spay & neuter so someday there won't be unwanted pets dying every day in shelters ~With All My Love~ Your New Rescue Dog How To Adopt A New Friend If you are interested in adopting a new family member from our organization, please complete the online adoption application. This is the fastest method but if you prefer, you may contact us by e-mail so we can send you an application Our adoption fee of \$100 to \$250 is based on each dog and it's needs. Senior dogs, special need dogs and senior citizen adoptions are \$100; all others are \$200-\$250. The adoption fee helps cover expenses for the dogs while in the rescue program including the vet check, vaccines, heartworm testing, stool check, spay/neuter plus other necessary veterinary care and training to get the dog ready for adoption. Everyone must submit an application before an appointment is made to come and meet the dogs. We work BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Our Mission and Objective To find loving forever homes for adoptable German Shepherd Dogs placed in shelters, strays and owner turn-ins. Provide needed medical care, training and rehabilitation to neglected, abused or sick German Shepherd Dogs until they are ready for adoption. Goals Lower the number of unnecessary euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets. Inform and educate about responsible humane treatment of animals and the importance of spay/neuter. Bring attention to the plight of shelter pets in animal control facilities. Work toward insuring law enforcement agencies prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, persons found guilty of cruelty and inhumane treatment of animals. Who We Are The TBGSR is an all volunteer non-profit pet rescue organization for German Shepherd Dogs. We are supported by private donations, adoption fees, fund raisers and bequests from individuals and businesses. All of our pets are spayed/neutered prior to adoption. They are up-to-date on all vaccinations and heartworm negative. We are dedicated to helping our adoptable animals find good homes where they will be safe, well cared for and loved for the rest of their lives. Caring for these animals allows us to learn more about their personalities and helps us to place them in a home best suited for them. Donations and Volunteering... Tampa Bay German Shepherd Rescue welcomes volunteers who wish to help. We are always in the need of foster homes to house dogs while going through medical care while getting them ready for adoption. We have a list of items that are on our wish list: Check them out and please do what you can! Anyone wishing to make a donation toward our rescue efforts can do so by sending a check to Tampa Bay German Shepherd Rescue at the following address: Tampa Bay German Shepherd Rescue 11904 Mc Mullen Loop Riverview, FL 33569 To all those that have donated funds to help with vet bills & expenses and all those that have opened their homes to foster, we can not thank you enough. You are true heroes! Temporary Foster Homes Always Needed When our facilities are full, this means we have to turn down worthy candidates and can not pull dogs from shelters because space is at such a premium. All dogs are spayed/neutered, wormed, treated for fleas, vaccinated and on heartworm preventative. We provide a crate, leash, collars and food. If you have the time, the patience and loads of love to spare, we need you to help us brush up the skills that make these dogs adoptable loving pets. PLEASE EMAIL US for more info. Wish List Loving Foster Homes Donations to our vets (heartworm treatments, spays/neuters, emergency surgeries, heartworm and flea preventative & medications) PetsMart gift cards to get supplies as needed I am's, Eukanuba, ProPlan or Nutro Large Breed Dog Food Throw rugs 24" x 36" up to 48" for the crates Someone to make crate pads Gift Cards for gas stations for transporter Is The GSD The Right Breed For You? The German Shepherd Dog (GSD) is a wonderful breed, but it is a "high maintenance" animal not suited for everyone. If you are unfamiliar with our favorite breed, please take the time to educate yourself about it. You can start right here by reading the following. "Top 10 Reasons Why a GSD May Not Be the Dog for You" German Shepherds require a serious commitment. Many of the dogs that come to rescue organizations have no training. It is important that the new family puts time and effort into training their rescue dog. These dogs have a high energy level. The very energy that allows these dogs to be police, search, guide and herding dogs is often the reason these dogs are surrendered. If you're looking for a couch potato you may want to consider a different breed. German Shepherds are highly intelligent. If they are not given a job to do they will often come up with their own. Like any dog, the German Shepherd is a social animal and needs to be part of a family. The loyalty that endears this breed to many requires that it not be banished to the backyard. - Julie Connolly for German Shepherd Rescue German Shepherds are large dogs. The number one reason given by people surrendering German Shepherds is moving. Usually apartments do not welcome these dogs. If you don't know where you will be a few years down the line it is not the right time to adopt. These dogs shed non-stop. They can be vocal, often whining and barking to communicate. If left alone for prolonged periods of time they may become problem barkers. If you don't like doggy smell, consider a different breed. Also, bathing can be challenging due to the dog's water-resistant outer coat. A German Shepherd must respect its owner. This is not accomplished by heavy-handedness; it is only achieved when its owner treats the dog with equal respect. These dogs originated as herding dogs. It is a heritage they carry still. Keep this in mind if you or your neighbors have livestock. Remember that in the state of California a dog harassing livestock may be shot. All content of this listing belongs to the Owner in this Listing! Copyright © All Rights Reserved.



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