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German Shepherds Are Known for Helping People... Now It's Our Turn to Help Them

Welcome to Austin German Shepherd Rescue Our Mission: To rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home German Shepherds from across the State of Texas. To educate the public about the versatility and ability of the German Shepherd Dog from Family Pet to Working Dog. Also known as Austin German Shepherd Dog Rescue (AGSDR) we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer organization. About Austin German Shepherd Rescue German Shepherds Are Known for Helping People... Now It's Our Turn to Help Them Our Mission To rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home German Shepherds from across the State of Texas. To educate the public about the versatility and ability of the German Shepherd Dog from Family Pet to Working Dog. Also known as Austin German Shepherd Dog Rescue (AGSDR) we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer organization. How We Work Volunteers from the Austin, San Antonio and Houston area rescue and foster all of our dogs. AGSDR is a group of volunteers, animal lovers like yourselves; volunteers with a shared mission -- to care for and protect, adopt out, and keep German Shepherd Dogs safe from harm whenever possible. What Care Do Our GSDs receive? The first order of business for each dog brought into the program is the Veterinarian's office. The dogs are immunized, fecal checked, heartworm tested, and are examined for obvious injuries or other health problems. They are checked and treated for fleas, mites, and external parasites. It is also determined whether or not they have been spayed or neutered (most usually not!) If not, they are scheduled for surgery. By the time one of our dogs leaves for its forever home, it has been spayed/neutered, is current on vaccinations, has been (and shall remain!) on heartworm preventative. The second order of business is to assess the dogs' personality, behavior and temperament so we may know what type of foster home to best place them in, a home where they will enjoy socializing with humans and usually other animals as well. If they have been sickly or starved emotionally, this is the time in which they are nursed back to health and begin to learn to trust people again. In order to be sure of temperament, each of our dogs are home fostered. Our foster caregivers work on housebreaking, if required, and basic manners as well. The foster family will then be able to discuss the dog's personality with a prospective approved adopter. One of our goals is to try to match the personality of the dog with the people and their home and lifestyle. Our History and Growth In the mid-1990's a woman adopted a German Shepherd Dog puppy. The puppy's litter mates were dead or dying, and the puppy was trying valiantly to stay alive by eating gravel and dirt from the rural drive it called "home". The puppy grew strong in her care, and became a loyal and cherished family member. The puppy taught the woman about the incredible strength of the human-animal bond. Started in 1999 and incorporated as a Texas non-profit Corporation several years later, Austin German Shepherd Dog Rescue is a tribute to that puppy. The organization has grown and developed and acquired federal 501(c)3 status, yet ten years later it remains true to its roots. AGSDR is run by a small core of dedicated individuals who donate all of their "spare" time to the mission of the rescue, along with an expansive network of extraordinary volunteers. The volunteers and the organization are dedicated to acting in the best interest of the GSD's in the program. AGSDR has always stressed quality of the home over quantity of placement. AGSDR has never been interested in becoming a high-volume adoption service. Instead, the volunteers take their time, carefully screen applicants, and search for the very best homes for their dogs. AGSDR does not place guard dogs, yard dogs, or allow dogs to be given as holiday gifts. AGSDR focuses on finding homes where the human-animal bond will be nurtured and grow strong. As of mid-2009 AGSDR has found exemplary homes for over 1200 dogs.

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