



# German Shepherd Dog Rescue of Northern Illinois, Inc.

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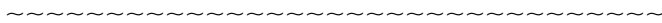
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## Volunteer Information Chronicles

### So you want to become a volunteer for GSDRNI?

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again! No rescue is functional without its volunteers and the more the merrier! There are many ways a volunteer can help a rescue. GSDRNI is always seeking dedicated volunteers who are willing to donate their time, effort, energy and any skills they possess to help us save German Shepherd Dogs that need our help. We can't do it alone!!



### Volunteer FAQs

#### ? *What is the process of becoming a volunteer?*

- ❖ Our volunteers are required to fill out a Volunteer Questionnaire. This helps us get to know you and focus on your talents so we can give you a job you will enjoy doing and you are qualified for. No one likes doing something they don't know how to do or don't enjoy doing! Once our Volunteer Committee receives your application, they will look it over and contact you to go into more depth about your skills and how much you would like to help and in what areas. A Volunteer Agreement must be thoroughly read and signed after your application has been filled out.

#### ? *Why do I need to fill out the Volunteer Questionnaire?*

- ❖ A Volunteer Questionnaire is required to help us learn more about you, your talents and what areas you would like to help out in. It also helps us know your experience and what type of dogs you will be able to handle. When we know what areas you excel in, it's easier for us to give you a job that you will know how to do and enjoy doing.

#### ? *What is the Volunteer Agreement and why do I need to sign it?*

- ❖ All volunteers must sign the Volunteer Agreement. This agreement releases GSDRNI of all legal stuff, and is for your safety and ours. It doesn't tie you into any contract; it just helps keep everything safe! You know...legal stuff!

#### ? *What if I want to foster, do I still have to fill out a Volunteer Questionnaire too?*

- ❖ Yes, if you plan on doing more than just fostering you must have a Volunteer Questionnaire filled out. The Volunteer Questionnaire focuses more on you because we still need to know about YOU, not just your home, family and other pets, if you plan on helping out with other things. A Volunteer & Foster Agreement is required to be signed.

### Volunteer FAQs continued...

#### ? *What is required of me as a volunteer?*

- ❖ The only thing that is mandatory to become a volunteer for GSDRNI is that you have a love for the German Shepherd Dog that is so strong you can hardly stand it and you would do anything in your power to help one in need. You must be passionate about your volunteer work; remember, you were the one that decided to volunteer, we didn't make you. Yes, the work can be hard, stressful at times and often make you wonder why you're even doing it, but the reward of seeing a GSD that you helped save go to a new family and be happy, is the best reward you could ever get.

#### ? *What if I don't have much time, but still want to help?*

- ❖ If you don't have much time (who does now-a-days) but still want to help out needy German Shepherd Dogs, you still can. You can help out occasionally at informational shows, mail flyers, pass out information, visit dogs in boarding, send out information, or do anything that you feel you can find time for. We've got lots of little things you can do and GSDRNI works around its volunteers and focuses on each individual volunteer's talents and expertise. If you don't have much time, we won't give you something you can't handle! Every little bit helps and the dogs will appreciate anything you have to offer!

*Any other questions that we might not have covered?*

Please feel free to contact us.

Our Volunteer Coordinator will be more than happy to answer your questions.

If you are interested in volunteering for German Shepherd Dog Rescue of Northern Illinois, Inc., please fill out our "Volunteer Questionnaire."

Only serious applicants, please.

Thanks again for helping us help our furry friends!