



**BIG CYPRESS  
GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE  
NAPLES, FL 34120**  
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Email Application To: [adopt@saveagermanshepherd.org](mailto:adopt@saveagermanshepherd.org)

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## **ADOPTION APPLICATION**

**NOTE: Please be aware that adoption donations are, without exception, NONREFUNDABLE.**

Applications that are not completely filled out will be discarded without notice. If a question does not apply to you, please fill in the blank with "N/A".

Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue appreciates your interest in adopting one of our rescued dogs. German Shepherd Dogs are a strong working breed in need of experienced and active families. We offer training in conjunction with Shelzsmide K9 of Naples, and recommend both formal and informal training with your German Shepherd for the life of the dog.

We will notify you and move forward with the adoption process should we have a dog available for you. Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue reserves the right to deny applications without explanation at our discretion.

Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue relies on your donation to care for all the homeless dogs in our care. Adoption donations range from \$250.00 to \$750.00. This donation helps defray the costs of veterinary care given to your dog prior to adoption. This care includes some or all of the following (but not limited to): all vaccinations, heartworm testing and prevention medication, flea prevention, fecal testing and deworming if necessary and surgical procedures for spay/neuter. Your adoption donation also helps feed, house and provide veterinary care for the dogs still waiting to be adopted, and is NON-REFUNDABLE.

***You are not buying a dog, you are making a donation. Thank you for understanding.***

***Please make your check out to:  
Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIG CYPRESS GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE PET ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer/Self Employed? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been Employed here? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you Own \_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_ Is it a(n) Apartment \_\_\_ Mobile Home \_\_\_ House \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Landlords Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Is the owner of the property amenable to having a German Shepherd dog on the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide contact information for your landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the HOA amenable to having a German Shepherd dog on the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe your fence \_\_\_\_\_

Can a dog dig out of the fence? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to have a home inspection prior to adopting the dog. I further agree to mitigate any issues that arise from the inspection before obtaining ownership.

How many adults in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a smoker? \_\_\_\_\_

Do all family members know about the new pet? If not, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies or health concerns in the family due to pets \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted a pet before: \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you still have the adopted pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken a pet to a shelter for adoption? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Why \_\_\_\_\_

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How many pets do you own now:

**DOGS** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed or Neutered Y N If NO Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**CATS** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed or Neutered Y N If NO Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Other Animals If Any: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any animals in the household NOT owned by you? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your primary Veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or have you ever owned a German Shepherd before? If yes, how long and please describe.

\_\_\_\_\_

How well do you feel you understand the breed? Very Little Some What Very Well Experienced

Is there a specific dog at BCGSR that you are interested in? Please tell us why. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will an adult be home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ What hours \_\_\_\_\_ During the night? \_\_\_\_\_

What hours \_\_\_\_\_

Will your new pet mostly be: Inside \_\_\_\_\_ Outside \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

How long if outside? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you confine your new pet when it is outside?

Fenced yard \_\_\_\_\_ Chain \_\_\_\_\_ Pulley run \_\_\_\_\_ Border train \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Run \_\_\_\_\_

No Confinement \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know and understand the leash and licensing law in your area? Do you have questions about leash/ licensing laws? \_\_\_\_\_

De you have experience in Housebreaking? \_\_\_\_\_ Socialization? \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience Training? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle destructive behavior from your new pet, such as: Chewing, Digging, Scratching furniture, etc.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Are you aware of basic vaccination and health needs of pets: Distemper\_\_\_\_ Parvo\_\_\_\_ Rabies\_\_\_\_  
Heartworm\_\_\_\_ Feline Leukemia/FIV\_\_\_\_ Internal Parasites, deworming\_\_\_\_  
Flea control\_\_\_\_ Kennel cough\_\_\_\_ Clipping toenails\_\_\_\_ EarCare\_\_\_\_ Dental care\_\_\_\_  
Do you feel yourself financially able to care for a new pet if an emergency should arise?

Do you agree to have your new pet spayed or neutered? \_\_\_\_\_  
Show proof of spayed/ neutered within the first 3 months of owning new pet if appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to attend a new puppy or age-appropriate obedience class with in the first 3 months of obtaining your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
(We offer training through Shelzsmide K9's Pet Training or you can obtain it elsewhere)

Show proof of attaining obedience class?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to allow a representative from BSGSR to come to your home and visit at any time without prior notice? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will allow Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue full access to the dog. If the dog appears to be abused or neglected upon spot inspections, Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue will remove the dog from the property

\_\_\_\_ I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge

\_\_\_\_ I accept all conditions set forth in this document

Signature/Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list three personal references with whom you have known at least 3 years that we can contact that know of your relationship with animals. PLEASE CONTACT ALL OF YOUR REFERENCES RIGHT AWAY TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WILL BE CALLING THEM.**

Name/Phone and Email Address:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list two professional references whom you have known at least 5 years who would be willing to speak to us about your character as a human being.**

Name/Phone and Email Address:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## AGREEMENT FOR NEW ADOPTERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I shall make a reasonable commencement of time and effort, and to affect scheduling and lifestyle changes in order to make this relationship work.

\_\_\_\_\_ I shall make sure my dog is not exposed to the elements of weather. My dog will live inside with me at all times

\_\_\_\_\_ I shall keep the dog with me as much as possible and treat him as an important member of my family.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my dog with the proper nutrition for optimum health, and keep my dog at the proper weight, neither obese nor emaciated.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my dog inside my home, and to include him in the activities of the household as much as possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my dog groomed and free of internal / external parasites and matting.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will give my dog ample aerobic exercise daily, including daily leash walks and sufficient free play (at least 3 times a week, safe free run doing "dog things" while under supervision)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my dog with mental stimulation in the form of play, interactive toys, and training, daily.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my dog with enough training and/or behavioral management to enable him to be a welcome part of the community.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my dog ample outlets such as: leash walks/running/biking, agility, training, fun and rewarding obedience training, play time with other dogs) so that he does not feel constantly frustrated, or develop behavioral problems because he is neglected or under-stimulated.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my dog with suitable toys to satisfy his urge to chew

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a home in which my dog clearly knows there are certain rules that I will insist on.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my dog on heartworm prevention on a year round basis, and provide proof to the Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue upon request

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my dog on flea prevention on a year round basis, and provide proof to the Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue upon request.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will get professional help if my dog has or develops behavior or temperament problems, and notify the Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue of any issues that occur.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will do everything I can to keep my dog from becoming a nuisance in my community, I will keep my dog on a 6' leather or nylon leash during walks and never use a retractable leash.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not allow him to run free/out of control, chase cars, bicycles, children, etc. I will keep my dog on a 6' leather or nylon leash during walks and never use a retractable leash.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will crate train my dog to help house breaking training and / or destructive issues, and NEVER use the crate as a punishment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will seek professional help if needed to get my dog to be quiet, both while I am at home or away, so he does not disturb my neighbors.

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge that if for any reason, I can no longer provide care for this dog, I will not abandon this dog. I will return him to Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue, and will truthfully tell the staff why the dog is returned, and any concerns regarding the dog's behavior, good or bad. (Non Refundable fees).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the dog I am adopting may have health issues or concerns that were not present or known at the time of adoption, and those health issues will be my responsibility unless I choose to return the dog to Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue.

**By initialing each line and signing this Agreement, I pledge that I have read and understand and AGREE to all terms in this contract.**

Signature/Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE