

Vetting Expectations of Potential Dog Owners

French's German Shepherds conducts a vetting process for potential owners of their dogs before placement. All members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America who are Responsible and Ethical Breeders follow a Breeders Code of Conduct. Here are the expectations of the Buyer:

1. The Recipient will register the Dog with the AKC as owners within 30 days.
2. The Recipient is knowledgeable about the German Shepherd breed characteristics and traits and will continue to learn about them, and has adequate resources, to provide for the care and maintenance involved in the ownership of this breed and lineage.
3. The Recipient understands and accepts ownership and liability responsibilities, and agrees to care for the above described Dog in a humane, safe and responsible manner.
4. The Recipient agrees to maintain preventative care of the puppy/dog in regards to proper nutrition, proper exercise and mental stimulation, and preventing harm, damage or stress injuries.
5. The Recipient represents that he/she or any member of their household has never been subject to legal action for cruelty to, or neglect of animals and further represents that he/she has never owned an animal which has been confiscated by any animal control or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal adoption agreements.
6. The Recipient agrees that the family members of the household have agreed to the ownership of the Dog and that household members will abide by the terms and spirit of this contract.
7. The Recipient agrees to obey all laws and licensing and rabies requirements for the dog.
8. The Recipient agrees the Dog will be provided with a suitable living environment, fresh water, wholesome and nutritious dog food, adequate outdoor exercise, socialization, affection, shelter, proper cleanliness and grooming.
9. The Recipient agrees to proper health care and to keep vaccinations current including, but not limited to rabies, distemper/parvo (DHLPP), Bordetella, and ensures the Dog receives preventative medication to protect against heartworm and fleas. The Recipient agrees to provide reasonable medical care for the Dog in a timely manner. Any veterinary problems that may arise, including serious illness requiring emergency care or surgery is the Recipient's responsibility and the Recipient is responsible for all related costs.
10. The Recipient will not allow the Dog to roam free and or unsupervised, and understands that restraining a dog by kenneling, chaining or tying it up for long extended periods of time may cause depression, unpredictable behavior and random aggression.
11. The Recipient will enroll the Dog in obedience training classes at their own cost, and are highly encouraged to join in becoming guardians of the breed by participating in local dog club activities, educational programs, a regional German Shepherd Dog club and/or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.
12. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Seller is entitled to make contact, visits, e-mail or phone calls to ascertain proper care and well-being of the Dog, and that the covenants and clauses of this agreement are being satisfied.
13. If at any time in the future the Recipient cannot continue to provide proper care for the Dog, the Recipient will not abandon, give or sell the Dog to a medical research, pound or animal shelter without consent of the Seller, but will return the Dog to the Seller; or by consent of the Seller seek to find a suitable home that honors and fulfills the letter and the spirit of this contract and well-being of the Dog.
14. The Recipient understands and agrees that Seller reserves the right to reclaim the dog with no reimbursement/refund to the Recipient if any of the above conditions are not met. The Recipient's failure to abide by the above conditions voids their rights under this contract.