



Owner Surrender Process

We're sorry to hear you are in need of re-homing your GSP. The first step is to contact the State Coordinator for your state (see below). They will ask you about your GSP and why you need to surrender him/her in as much detail as possible. We will also need photos of your GSP (full body).

We recommend you reach out to the breeder where you purchased your GSP (if applicable). Most reputable breeders prefer their GSP be returned to them rather than entering a rescue or shelter. If that is not possible we have other options:

- 1) The first option is for SEGSP to courtesy list your GSP on our website (www.segsprescue.org/resources/courtesy-listings/). You would be the contact listed for all potential adopters. SEGSP would list your GSP and you would receive emails from potential adopters. We recommend doing a phone interview and meeting the potential adopter to verify the dog likes them and their house environment would best suit your dog's needs. You alone would determine who adopts your dog. If SEGSP Rescue has any information on the interested families (i.e. an adoption application through our website), you're welcome to email us and we'll send the application to you.
- 2) The second option is considered an Owner Surrender to SEGSP Rescue. This is where you would surrender your GSP to SEGSP rescue (i.e. sign the Owner Surrender form the State Coordinator will send you) and your GSP would be considered property of SEGSP Rescue. We would follow our normal adoption process to find him/her the best home for their specific needs. This process usually takes about 1-2 months.

Since our foster homes are reserved for dogs in shelters that are in jeopardy of being euthanized, we prefer to keep the dog in your home until we're able to find the right adopter. We do ask for your dog's vaccination history and heartworm status as well as if he/she is neutered/spayed.
- 3) The third option, if it is necessary and we are able to find a foster home for your GSP, would be for SEGSP to take custody of your dog and we would coordinate transportation to a foster home. Once he/she is in foster care we would no longer have communication with you regarding the dog. The foster parent, along with the state coordinator for SEGSP, would have full discretion in determining the adopter.

We are a fully volunteer-based organization and rely solely on our volunteers and donations to enable us to rescue dogs. Often times we provide extensive medical treatment to dogs that have been seriously neglected and are in very poor condition. While we do not require a re-homing fee for dogs that are surrendered by their owners, we certainly welcome any voluntary donation you would care to make. If you would like to make a donation to SEGSP

Rescue, we would certainly appreciate your support. You can donate via our website here:
<http://www.segsprescue.org/how-to-help/donations/>

Thank you for entrusting us with your GSP. We realize this is not an easy decision – we will make sure that your GSP is well cared for and finds his perfect forever home!

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