

SGSR CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the members of Southeast German Shepherd Rescue Inc., in order to better conduct ourselves in ways that consistently benefit our dogs, our organization, the adopting public, and the community at large, pledge ourselves to the following code.

_____ 1. The integrity of the group being dependent on the individual integrity of each member,
As far as possible, we will keep our commitments, and if we find ourselves unable to do so, we will promptly communicate that to all concerned.

_____ 2. Recognizing that we are a group of individuals who vary emotionally and temperamentally,
We will demonstrate our respect for the rights and feelings of other volunteers by protecting their privacy, by giving them the benefit of the doubt, and by exercising courtesy and objectivity when sharing our concerns.

_____ 3. We will support through our actions and words the leadership, Bylaws, policies, and operational structure of our group.
*If we disapprove of the acts of other volunteers, we will use *established methods to lodge complaints. If we want policies or the structure itself to change, we will communicate through committees, to the Officers, or to the Board.*

_____ 4. Bearing in mind that each of us acts as an ambassador for the whole group, we will conduct ourselves in a professional and courteous manner.
We will treat everyone we work with - adopters, potential adopters, veterinarians, trainers, shelter personnel, fellow volunteers, and all others, with a high degree of respect and consideration even when opinions and philosophies differ.

_____ 5. In keeping with the mission of Southeast German Shepherd Rescue Inc., we will always strive to act in the best interests of our dogs.
While recognizing that our dogs belong to the organization, not to any one of us, we will exercise the utmost care with all dogs entrusted to our keeping, treating them as we would treat our own dogs.

_____ 6. In partnering with other organizations, we will respect their cultural and philosophical differences.
We will treat each organization with respect, recognizing that we are all working together toward a common goal. We will never disparage or otherwise denigrate their mission or their methods. We will exercise our right to silently disengage from partnering with any organization that demonstrates a lack of respect for animals, our organization or our people.

Foster Signature

Date

Foster Name