THE LONG ROAD FOR RIPLEY

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German Shepherd dogs are beautiful and striking to look at. Some just capture your attention, but Ripley also captures your heart. Most dogs come and go from rescue somewhat quickly, but Ripley has been with GSRNC for over a year, patiently waiting for her forever home.



The first thing you'll notice about Ripley is her eyes. They not just beautiful, they're unforgettable. Deep, soulful, and incredibly expressive, her eyes seem to tell her whole story. They radiate intelligence, affection, curiosity, and a longing to belong. One look from Ripley and you'll understand why everyone who meets her falls in love.



Ripley is exceptionally people-oriented, forming deep bonds with those she trusts. She's the kind of dog who quietly checks on her foster family while they sleep, making sure her people are safe and close by. She thrives on connection and has lots of love to give. Ripley is also remarkably smart. Although she can sometimes struggle with focus, she learns quickly and genuinely wants to please once you have her attention. This clever girl even understands a few German commands!



It must be said that Ripley isn't your average house dog. She has a working German Shepherd's incredible drive, athleticism, and enthusiasm for life. This is a dog who can scale a 6.5-foot fence and approaches every day with energy and determination. Her intelligence and athletic ability are impressive, but they also mean she needs an experienced adopter who understands working breeds and is committed to continuing her training and exercise routine. Ripley's reactivity to other dogs and her high prey drive makes it imperative that she continue her ongoing structure, management, and training. Currently, she receives an hour of training each day in addition to her walks, and she thrives with that level of engagement.

We know there is a perfect home for Ripley. A home with someone who sees her potential, appreciates her brilliance and energy level, and is ready to continue investing in her growth. If Ripley sounds like the perfect partner for you, please fill out an Adoption Questionnaire to meet her!