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Puppy Questionnaire

Australian Shepherds are a wonderful breed of dog and I want to make sure that I do all that I can to make sure your new puppy lives up to all of your expectations! Like people, each puppy is an individual with a unique personality! This questionnaire is a tool to help me select the most suitable puppy for you while allowing you to help clarify your thoughts about owning an Aussie. It also helps you see what sort of things I value in deciding to place one of my beloved puppies in its new home. I know it is lengthy. Please take your time and put some thought into your answers. There are no right or wrong answers, answer as genuinely as possible. Thank-you in advance for taking the time and know that I look forward to receiving your correspondence!

Your Full Name:

Your Age:

Street Address:

Mailing Address if different:

Primary Phone Number/s:

Email Address/s:

Best time of day to reach you?

Occupation:

How soon are you looking to get a puppy/dog?

Have you ever raised a puppy, Aussie or other, before?

Have you read many books or done research about Australian Shepherds or raising puppies? Which ones?

Would you like a list of books that I recommend on Aussies and raising puppies?

Would you consider an older puppy or an adult dog?

Would you consider a Rescue Aussie?

Have you contacted any other Aussie breeders? If so, who?

Are you on anyone else’s waiting list for a puppy? If so, who?

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1. Do you own or rent your Home?
2. Please give a description of the type of home that you live in and your yard and property:
3. If no fence is currently in existence, please tell me how you plan to handle your dogs’ potty duties and exercise time:
4. Do you have a dog run or outdoor kennel, please describe size and conditions?
5. What is your expectation for potty training of your puppy?
6. What are your preferred training methods for everyday behaviors, please explain.
7. Please give me a brief description of your household: names, ages and relationship to you:
8. If you have children, how do you plan on training your children to interact with the new puppy?
9. Are you and your family willing to take your new puppy to at least two different “Puppy Obedience” series?

\*\*I absolutely recommend two sets of puppy classes before the age of 6-9 mos. It is NOT a matter of you being able to train your puppy it is about what *your puppy gets out of the classes*! \*\*

1. Are you familiar with the “Puppy Rules of 12” (it’s on my website)? Can you tell me the value of this list?
2. What are your two biggest concerns in getting a new Aussie puppy?
3. Aussies are a double coated breed that is known for shedding profusely, they need to be well brushed once a week and groomed on a regular basis. What are you plans for keeping your Aussie groomed?

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1. How many animals have you owned in the past 10 years?

Please list the names, breeds and any other pertinent info of each one:

1. Have you ever had to give an animal away and what were the circumstances of that situation? Where did the animal go; return to a breeder or turn it in to a shelter?
2. Have you ever bred your animals before, if so please tell me briefly about your experience?

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1. List four characteristics that you value most in the Australian Shepherd:
2. Australian Shepherds can have strong herding and guarding instincts, what is your plan for dealing with these behaviors?
3. Please list any personal activities that you enjoy:
4. What kinds of activities do you plan to do with you Aussie? Please mark all of the activities that you plan to do with your Aussie:

Agility/Performance

Breeding

Companion/Pet

Conformation

Herding/Working

Obedience/Rally

Therapy/Service

1. What are your preferred venues (ASCA. AKC, Other) for competition?
2. What kind of daily/weekly exercise routine do you plan to have with your Aussie?
3. On average, how many hours will your Aussie be left alone during the day and/or the night?
4. What are your thoughts on crate training?
5. What are your plans for housing your Aussie while you are away?
6. What are you plans for housing your Aussie at night-time?
7. Aussies have a STRONG desire to spend every minute with their families are you prepared for a "Velcro" dog?
8. If travel plans took you away from home, what arrangements would you make for your dog?

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1. Do you prefer a Male or a Female? Please let me know a bit about your preference or lack thereof:
2. I would prefer not to place puppies based on color alone, however I understand that everyone has a preference. If given a choice of color, which is your preference?

Would you consider a dog of a different color?

Please mark the energy level (drive) that you would prefer in an Aussie:

High

High to Moderate

Moderate

Moderate to low

Low

Please mark your preferences in temperament: (Bold/Confidant)

Dominant

Submissive

Independent

Outgoing

Dependent

Playful

Quiet

Aggressive

Reserved with Strangers

Social with Strangers

Pushy/Needy

Something Else?

1. Please take a moment to consider your four or five most important criteria in choosing your ideal Aussie Puppy and list them here:
2. All our pet/companion puppies are sold on AKC/ASCA limited registration and spay/neuter agreements. Do you have any concerns about this?
3. Are you aware of some of the more recent discoveries of early spay and neuter and how that may affect your puppy? Please explain:
4. If you would like to keep your Aussie intact, would you consider a co-ownership?
5. Do you agree to license your dog and give it regular and possibly specialty veterinary care (OFA Hip x-rays before serious competition or breeding; annual eye checks, genetic tests, etc. as required) and vaccinations in accordance with your local laws? Have you taken the time to consider the cost of such care?
6. Australian Shepherds can be affected by genetic maladies as well as environmental reactions, what kinds of diseases are you aware of that can affect Aussies?

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1. Do you agree that if any serious health problems should arise in your puppy to contact me immediately so that I can consult with your veterinarian and/or contact other people that the information may pertain to for the dogs’ entire lifetime?
2. As a part of my contract I am guaranteed the “First right of refusal”, on all my puppies, will you tell me what you believe this means?
3. Will you agree that if you can no longer keep the dog and need to find it a new home that you will contact me first, even in the event of death?\*\*
4. Do you understand that breach of our contract may result in legal action?
5. Do you certify that all of the information that you have provided in this questionnaire is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. Do you understand that falsifying answers on this questionnaire or at any other time during the application process will disqualify you from getting any animal from BWild?

If you understand the above statement, please type/sign your name and the date here:

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Please list at least two references along with their addresses, phone numbers, email, etc. that we may contact regarding your ownership of a puppy. People involved in the dog fancy are ideal.

Do you have any concerns about having me or person of my choosing come and do a home check?

Now that you made it to the end (Whew! Great Job!) Are there any questions that you would like to ask me?

Is there anything else that you feel I should know when considering you as a home for a BWild Aussie?

Please take up as much space as needed. : )

 ++ Please note: assuming I am not out of town when you send this to me, I should review it and get back to you within a few days. If you haven’t heard from me in this time frame, please email me again, as much as we all love technology, sometimes it does fail, so please try again!

Email to: bwildaussies @ yahoo .com

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