

Questionnaire For Prospective SilverHawk Puppy Buyers

Your Name (Required):

Your Street Address (Required):

Your City, Province/State, and Postal Code/Zip (Required):

Your E-Mail Address (Required):

Phone # (Required): Business #:

How did you find us? (Referral from another buyer, Breeder Directory, etc.)

Age

Other adults in your home:

Do you have any children?

If so, what are their ages, and have they been exposed to dogs in the past?

Were there ever any problems with your children & dogs?

Do all family members agree on the addition of an Aussie to the family?

If not, who is not in favour of getting an Aussie and why?

Who will care for this dog if you should become incapacitated, temporarily or permanently?

Do you agree that, if for some reason you are unable to care for this dog, we will be contacted about its relocation and will have first right of refusal?

Do you Own or Rent your home?

If your home is a rental will your landlord be willing to sign a statement allowing you to keep an Aussie?

How many hours will this dog be left alone per day?

Where will the dog be when no one is at home?

Does your family have enough "quality" time to devote to a dog?

Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog for the next 10 or more years?

How long did your last pet live and what were the circumstances of its death?

Have you ever returned a pet to the breeder?

If so, what were the circumstances?

Have you ever given a pet away?

If so, what were the circumstances?

Have you ever given up a dog to a shelter or pound? Yes No

If so, what were the circumstances?

How many dogs do you have now?

What breeds?

Have you owned Australian Shepherds before?

How recently?

What are your reasons for choosing one now?

Are you aware of the socialization needs of an Aussie puppy and do you feel you are capable of providing for these needs?

Do you have pets other than dogs?

What are they?

Is your yard fenced or do you have a fenced enclosure for the dog?

If you answered "No" to the last question, how do you intend to exercise this puppy?

How large and of what type is the enclosure?

Do you let your dogs run loose?

Do you intend to house your dog:

Have you ever used a crate to confine your dog?

Are you willing to have the puppy OFA'd after the age of 24 months, and have the puppy's eyes checked on a yearly basis whether or not you plan to breed?

What area(s) of interest would you like to pursue with your Aussie? Working stock, conformation, obedience, agility, pet/companion, gift, watch dog,, breeding, 4-H project, trick dog (please list all applicable)

Other (please explain):

If you plan to work your Aussie, what type(s) of livestock will be used?

What sort of working drive do you feel would mesh with your personality, i.e. hard, sharp, moderate, low...and why?

Have you ever trained a dog for livestock before?

Have you ever worked or handled a dog on livestock before?

Have you ever shown in:
conformation?

obedience?

If yes, where and to what extent?

If you are interested in breeding this dog, what are your reasons for breeding?

Are you willing to enroll this dog in at least one structured obedience class?

Colour - please indicate your preference(s)

Do you prefer your dog to be male or female?

Would you consider an older dog?

Would you consider a rescue, or abandoned dog?

If so, what is the maximum age you would accept

Are you willing to travel to Kentucky to meet the dam of the puppies?

If travel is impossible (and we do understand that it is in some cases) would you be willing to allow a home visit from one of our friends in your area?

Please give us two references of people that know or have known you and your pets.

Please give us the number of the local agency in your area that handles dog complaints.

Registration applications for all Australian Shepherds placed as pets will be held by us until we have been provided proof of spaying or neutering. Do you have any reservations about this policy?

If yes, please tell us about your reservations

Are you aware of some of the health problem which can appear in some Aussies today such as medication sensitivities?

Are you aware that Australian Shepherds are medium sized and very active dogs that shed (sometimes quite profusely)?

Are you willing to deal with these attributes that are so much a part of an Aussie?

Please provide the name, address and telephone number of your veterinarian (or one who has worked with you in the past) as a reference:

Have you been in contact with any other Aussie breeders concerning purchase of a puppy and if so would you tell us who they are?

Are you currently on the waiting list for any other litters?

If you had to choose between two puppies, one with perfect conformation, but low-moderate drive, and one with so-so conformation (but not pet quality) and high drive, which one would you choose and why?

Further comments: Please feel free to add anything that you think would help us in choosing the right individual for you.