

WhatAbout Aussies

Questionnaire for prospective puppy buyers

Please complete the information below and:

1. Save the document, then attach it to an email and send to us at longrtdt@charter.net
2. fax it to us at 815-389-1312, or,
3. mail it to us at:

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And please don't hesitate to phone us for information about availability of litters. Thank you!

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.)

Your 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?

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?

If so, what were the circumstances?

How many dogs do you have now?

What breeds?

Have you owned Australian Shepherds before?

How recently?

What is your knowledge of the Aussie, and 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 and provide security for 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 inside or outside?

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? Conformation, obedience, agility, pet/companion, gift, watch dog, breeding, 4-H project, trick dog (please list all applicable)

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) Red Tri, Red Merle, Black Tri, Blue Merle

Do you prefer your dog to be male or female?

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

Please give us two references of people that know or have known you and your dogs/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 marked as "non-breeding". Do you have any reservations about this policy?

If yes, please tell us about your reservations

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

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

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

We would like to thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. The idea behind these questions is that, knowing the pups temperament from day one, we may see different things in them than you would as a stranger attempting to pick one. In this way we may be better able to guide you toward a puppy which realistically suits your experience, needs and goals.