

Questionnaire for Prospective Puppy Buyers

As breeders, our goal is to place each of my puppies in his or her “forever”home.

Each puppy is an individual. Just as no two children in a family are identical, no two puppies are exactly alike. Nor are any two prospective homes the same. During the first 8-9 weeks of the puppies’ lives, I will be observing and evaluating their physical and personality traits. And I will compare my observations to the information on each questionnaire to try to determine the most appropriate home for each puppy by matching the needs of each individual dog to each prospective owner’s lifestyle.

Belgian Sheepdogs are generally people oriented and willing to please. In my experience they bond deeply with their people and prefer to be fully integrated into the household. There is a range of temperaments and activity levels but Belgians tend to be sensitive and usually do not take well to harsh training techniques. Belgians are versatile and can excel in many disciplines including obedience, rally, agility, showring, tracking, herding, dock diving, lure coursing, barn hunt and nose work.

The answers you provide in this questionnaire are vital in assisting me to match your home with the right puppy. Please be as complete and honest as possible. Do feel free to elaborate. The more information you give me about you, your family and home, and your hopes and goals for your dog the better I can assess your situation and match you with the very best puppy for you. There are no right or wrong answers.

PROSPECTIVE BUYER INFORMATION

Name: Date:

Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

Best days/times to reach you by phone:

GENERAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about us?

Why did you choose Belgian Sheepdogs?

What interested you in this breed?

Have you owned a Belgian sheepdog in the past?

Are you acquiring a dog for yourself or for someone else?

If you are married, how does your spouse feel about the addition of a Belgian Shepherd?

Do you have children living at home? What are their names/ages?

Do you rent or own and if you have a landlord do you have permission for an additional dog?

Please provide your landlord's contact information:

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

In which type of area is your home located?

urban

suburban

rural

Occupation, hours/work? Will the dog be at home when you work or travel?

Amount of time you can spend with your dog in training and playing over the course of a week

Who in your household will be training your pup?

Describe your home and yard. Is your yard fenced?

Where will your dog sleep and play and hang out?

What activities do you hope to engage in with your dog? Dogsports? Other activities like hiking, biking, Frisbee etc.

Please describe the other dogs you live with (name, breed, age, gender for each, whether intact or not, and a few words about temperament of each. If any are Belgians, please also list breeder/kennel name

Other animals in your household (or that dog may be in contact with, like horses, cats, etc.

Have you ever given up a dog (back to the breeder, to a friend, or to a rescue organization)? If so, explain here

Have you ever used a crate in housetraining a puppy or dog?
Do you intend to use a crate for this dog?

What will you do with the dog when you go on a vacation trip?

In the event of emergency (e.g., hospitalization, natural disaster, etc.), who would take care of your dog?

YOUR INTERESTS/GOALS

Do you prefer a male or female?

Please describe any physical attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

Do you prefer a pet/companion dog or a show/performance dog?

Are you prepared to spay/neuter your dog? Are you willing to wait until the dog is fully mature at 2 years in order to Spay or Neuter?

Are you willing to obtain the necessary health certifications at 2 years of age including x-ray of hips and elbows and eye certification?

Please describe any character attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

Are you aware of the SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING requirements of the Belgian Shepherd? Are you prepared to spend time socializing and training your pup?

Have you ever experienced any behavior problems with past or present pets?

If yes, how did you handle those problems?

Down the road, should training or health or any other problems arise, will you discuss them openly with us?

What particular needs/concerns/desires do you have? What do you expect from us as your puppy's breeder?

Please add any additional information or thoughts that you feel would help me to understand you as a potential Belgian owner and the home you can offer the dog.

What questions do you have for me?

VETERINARIAN and REFERENCE INFORMATION

If you have a veterinarian, please provide contact information below

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Please include two dog or training-related references, with phone numbers and email

Please note in what context you know these individuals (one is your trainer, one a friend you go to class or trials with, etc.)

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Relationship to you

By signing this questionnaire, I affirm that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge. (If you are submitting this form via e-mail, please type your name in the signature line. I will require a signed copy before placing a puppy.)

Name

Signature

Date