

AJ Ranch Australian Shepherds

New Home Questionnaire

Prospective Puppy Buyer Questionnaire

As a breeder, my goal is to place each of my puppies in his or her “forever” home. I use this questionnaire to match each puppy with a prospective 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 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.

Therefore, the answers you provide in this questionnaire are vital in assisting me to match your home with the right puppy. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. This questionnaire is meant to be a way to match puppies with a perspective home.

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		Email:	
Are you interested in? Choose as many as you are willing to accept. We do not guarantee size!			
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tri	<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy (up to 12w)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tiny Toy (up to 10 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Tri	<input type="checkbox"/> Older Puppy 12w-1yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toy (10-13 inches)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Merle	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1-7 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lg Toy/ Small Mini (13-15")
	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Merle	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged Adult (7+ yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mini (15+ inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Quality (Spay/Neuter WO Registration papers)		<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding/Show Quality (Full Rights and Papers)	
Please describe any physical/mental attributes that are of importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking?			
Have you ever had a puppy with parvo at your residence??			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please explain(I will not decline your application, but I need to know to help ensure success): Date: __/__/__			

Reasons for your Interest

Why do you want a dog?

Are you acquiring a dog for yourself or for someone else? If for someone else, are they aware of your intentions, or is the dog to be a surprise?

How do others in your household (spouse/significant other, parents, children, etc.) feel about the addition of an Australian Shepherd?

Who in your family will be primarily responsible for:

Daily care of the dog:	
Clean up:	
Training:	
Exercise:	
Vet and Food Bills(Financials):	

What is your ideal of the perfect puppy/dog?

Why do you want an Australian Shepherd?

Have you considered other breeds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what breed(s) and why?		
Breed:		

What are your goals for your dog? (Please mark all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Companion (pet)	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation/Showing	<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Herding
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience/Rally	<input type="checkbox"/> Messenger Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking	<input type="checkbox"/> Search/Rescue
<input type="checkbox"/> Therapy Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistance Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyball
(Other (specify)			

Living Environment

Do you live in:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Own	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent	Other (Describe):			
<input type="checkbox"/> House	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Condo	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment	Other(Describe):	
In which type of area is your home located?		<input type="checkbox"/> urban	<input type="checkbox"/> suburban	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	
Do you have a fenced yard?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, size of yard, type and height of fencing.					
If no, please explain what arrangements you will provide for housebreaking and for safe and adequate exercise.					
Are there any dog restrictions or laws in your area?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you checked into local ordinances or rental agreement in your area pertaining to owning/housing an animal (e.g., leash laws, required vaccinations, dog licenses, etc.)? Are you willing to comply with any such laws?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you ever used a crate in housetraining a puppy or dog?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you intend to use a crate for this dog?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have other pets? If so please list			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Breed		Sex	Age	Intact	Fixed
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where will the dog spend most of his/her time?					
Where will the dog be when you are at home?					
How long each day will the dog be alone?					
Where will the dog be when you are away?					
Where will the dog sleep?					
How would you describe your household activity level?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Very quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Rather easygoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually something going on	<input type="checkbox"/> Lots of activity		

Training

Do you have children living with you or visiting regularly?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 2 yrs old	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 years	
Are you prepared to teach any resident or visiting children the proper way to conduct themselves around dogs?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you aware of the SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING requirements of an Australian Shepherd?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you prepared to spend time SOCIALIZING AND TRAINING your Australian Shepherd?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever trained a dog?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Attended training classes?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please describe what you remember most.				

The Australian Shepherd is a herding breed and require more than normal exercise both physical and mental activities. You must be able and willing to understand that this breed will act out if they are bored

Grooming and Exercise

Are you prepared for the responsibility of caring for this dog for its entire life (10-16 years)?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you aware of the grooming requirements of an Australian Shepherd?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you prepared to spend the required time grooming your Australian Shepherd?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
In addition to the normal routine at home, what activities will your Aussie have?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk routinely with a family member	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel with you	<input type="checkbox"/> Compete in dog shows or events		
<input type="checkbox"/> Go to your place of business with you	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Be a playmate for your children		
<input type="checkbox"/> Be a playmate/companion for other pets	Other (specify)			
How do you envision a dog fitting into your home (schedule, indoor/outdoor activities, exercise, etc.)?				

Other

Have you or anyone in your household ever been charged with or suspicion of animal cruelty? If Yes, please explain:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have someone you trust or a plan to take your dog if/when an emergency happens or a life changing event?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Veterinarian Information/References

If you have a veterinarian, please provide contact information below:	
Name:	
Address	
City:	State:
Phone:	

By signing/submitting 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.)

Signature:	
Printed Name:	Date: ____/____/____

What do you expect of your dog's breeder?
How did you learn about AJ Ranch Australian Shepherds?
What questions do you have for me?