

## SkyHi Australian Shepherds Placement Questionnaire

Thank you for inquiring about a puppy from SkyHi Australian Shepherds. When we have puppies available we try to ensure that our puppies are only sold to loving committed homes and we do our best, through this questionnaire and other means, to ensure a good match between the personality of prospective owners and our puppies. That is why we ask you to fill in this questionnaire, to help us get to know you a little and to understand what you are looking for in a puppy.

This questionnaire serves the purpose of helping us become better acquainted with the people inquiring about our Aussies. It serves to present us with a more complete picture of what you are looking for in a dog and to help us match you as a potential buyer with a dog that will, ultimately, turn out to be what you are looking for. This questionnaire in no way constitutes a contract on our part that there will be an Australian Shepherd available for you, nor do your responses serve as the sole determinant of whether or not a Australian Shepherd will be offered. Also there are no, right or wrong answers!

Although we will always keep in mind the color preference of our puppy buyers we DO NOT place our pups in homes based solely on color or sex choice. We evaluate the pups from day 1 and puppies are placed based on a wide variety of things including temperament, natural instinct, and suitability. If you are interested in a puppy from an upcoming litter we recommend you complete our questionnaire and speak with us (via phone, e-mail or in person) after that. When we have a litter planned we will notify you and we request a deposit from people interested in a pup. A deposit ensures ONLY that you will be considered as a prospective home and we reserve the right to choose not to place a puppy in a prospective home at any time or for any reason. Please complete the following information and mail it to us at:

SkyHi Australian Shepherds, Attn: Susan Harris, 1044 Kylie Place, Hickman, CA 95323

Your Name (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Your City, State, Zip (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail Address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Your Age \_\_\_\_\_ Other adults in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what are their ages, and have they been exposed to dogs in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

Color - please indicate your preference(s) Blue Merle Red Merle Black Tri Red Tri

Do you prefer your puppy to be: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Do all family members agree on the addition of an Aussie to the family? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree that, if for any reason you are unable to care for this dog, you will contact us and return the dog/puppy to us? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned Australian Shepherds before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How recently? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your knowledge of the Aussie, and what are your reasons for choosing one now? \_\_\_\_\_

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Aussies do not make good back yard only dogs. They were bred as a companion dog first, stock/farm dog second. Are you aware of the socialization needs of an Aussie puppy and do you feel you are capable of providing for these needs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of some of the health problem which can appear in some Aussies today such as: medication sensitivities, hip displaysia, epilepsy, cataracts? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that Australian Shepherds are medium sized and very active dogs that shed (sometimes quite profusely)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to deal with these attributes that are so much a part of an Aussie? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on the waiting list for any other litters? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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Please tell us anything else you would like us to know about why you are looking for an Australian Shepherd puppy and why you think they would fit in your household and lifestyle.

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Who will care for this dog if you should go on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent your home \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent can you have a pet per your rental contract or lease agreement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog for the next 10-14 or more years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs do you have now? \_\_\_\_\_

What breeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have pets other than dogs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about some of the pets you have had in the past (what were they, how long did you have them?)

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Have you ever returned a pet to the breeder or surrendered them to the pound? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what were the circumstances? (Examples Aggressive, Moved, didn't get along with other pets etc.)

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Is your yard fenced or do you have a fenced enclosure for the dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How large and of what type is the enclosure? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "No" to the last question, how do you intend to exercise and provide security for this puppy? We understand that some of our puppy buyers live in apartments and condos.

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Do you let your dogs run loose off your property? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to house your dog: Inside \_\_\_\_\_ In and Outside \_\_\_\_\_ Outside \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used a crate to confine your dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If not are you willing to try crate training? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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 show or breed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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) or Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever shown in conformation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where and to what extent? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to travel to California to meet the dam of the puppies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Registration applications for all Australian Shepherds placed as pets will be marked as "non-breeding". Do you have any reservations about this policy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please tell us about your reservations \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. The idea behind these questions is that, knowing the puppies 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. We look forward to helping you find the perfect life long companion for your family.

We make every effort to ensure that our puppies are free from any inherited defects. We do this by screening our breeding stock for those problems common to our breed. However, due to complex genetic interactions and environmental factors beyond our control, we cannot guarantee that a puppy purchased from us will be completely free of genetic disorders. If, at any time, your Aussie is diagnosed with any health problems, genetic or otherwise, PLEASE notify us immediately of the full details so that we can make every effort to help with the situation.