

Bear Creek Farm

Puppy Application/Questionnaire

Name:

Phone:

Cell:

Address:

City/State:

Email:

We strive to find the best homes for our puppies, and have their best interest at heart. The questions below will allow us to get to know you and what you are looking for in an English Shepherd. To help ensure that our puppies are matched with the right homes please answer the questions below.

Where did you hear about us?

1. Are you interested in a male, female or either?

2. What is your preferred color?

(We do not match puppies based on color or markings since temperament and health are the defining characteristic of the breed and those are the traits we breed to preserve. But on occasion we can meet your preferred color desire if all else is equal.)

3. Do you have a size preference for the dog when it is full grown? Small, Medium, Large, None?

4. What energy level are you looking for in a puppy? Low –Medium –High.

5. What is the main purpose for the dog? Companionship, working, guardian, sporting? (please explain)

6. What activities do you plan on doing with your puppy?

Herding livestock, agility, hiking or jogging partner, hunting, other dog sports?

7. Do you live in town or in the country?

If in the country how much property do you have?

8. Do you have a fenced yard or property?

How tall? _____ What type of fence? _____

- 9.. Do you have a dog kennel or run? If yes, what size?
10. How much time would the dog or puppy be in the kennel or fenced yard?
11. Will the puppy be inside the house or outside or both?
12. Will there be anyone home during the work day?
13. When no one is home (like a work day), where will puppy be confined and for how long?
14. Who will be the primary caretaker for the puppy?
15. Do you have any children or grand children? If yes what are their ages?
16. Have they been around dogs or other animals (please describe)?
17. Do you currently have any dogs? If yes how many? What breeds?
18. Do you have any other animals or livestock? (please list)
19. Why do you want an English Shepherd?
20. What materials have you read on the breed if any?
21. Have you owned a dog before? If so what breeds?
22. Have you owned an English Shepherd before? If yes, where was it purchased?
23. Are you planning on taking the puppy to obedience classes?
24. Do you travel? If yes, how often?
25. What hobbies or activities do you or your family like to do?
26. Do you plan on breeding this dog?

Will you spay or neuter this dog?

Will you conduct a PennHIP test on your dog once it's 1 to 2 years old, and would you be willing to report the results to us so we can track this information.

27. Do you want to compete with your English Shepherd?
If yes what dog sport?

28. Have you competed or shown dogs before? If yes, what breed?

29. What aspects of an English Shepherd are most important to you: (circle all that apply) Friendly, Calm Companion, Plays ball/Frisbee, Athletic, Obedient, Appearance, Protective, Reserve, Outgoing, High Drive. Other:

31. With visitors how do you want your English Shepherd to behave?

32. What was the end result of prior owned dogs? Died of old age, Ran away, Stolen, Placed in Shelter or Rescue, Sold. Please explain:

33. What will you feed your dog?

34. Do you plan on doing vaccinations? Some or all?

35. May we contact any or all of the below references? YES

Reference: 1. Veterinarian Name:
Phone: Address:

2. Personal references: Name: Phone:
Address:

3. Please provide the name, address and phone number of a Trainer you plan on using, or the puppy class you will attend:

Please provide any other pertinent information you feel we should know.

Once your application has been reviewed we will contact you to discuss further what you are looking for in a puppy.

Our puppy price is \$850. If you conduct a PennHIP test and send us a copy of the results, we'll reimburse you \$100 (cost for this test runs between \$150 - \$300 depending on where you live)

A \$150 deposit is required to hold a puppy. The balance will be due in cash at the time of pick-up or prior to shipping. All shipping expenses are the responsibility of the purchaser. This would include a plane ticket, health certificate (required by airlines), crate, leash and collar, etc. If the breeder delivers the puppy to the Bend/Redmond Airport for shipping, an additional \$50 will be added to the puppy price to cover breeder's time and expense. You may opt to fly out and pick your puppy up, in which case the puppy can fly with you in a carry-on bag or crate. This can sometimes save money in shipping and can be a better trip for the puppy too.

I supply my puppy buyers with plenty of educational material to help the new families prepare for their puppy, get to know the needs of their puppy and to help with raising their puppy. I also provide safety information. I post this information online regularly or send via email, along with photos and updates about the puppies. Buyers are strongly encouraged to read the information to become informed about how to best care for the puppy once it comes home

All buyers are responsible for any injury or damage that may occur to the puppy.

It is also highly recommended that the owners take their puppy to training classes, and consult with a trainer to learn proper puppy/dog training methods.

Puppy buyers may visit the puppies as often as they desire while the puppies are developing. My goal is to find lifetime matches for puppies that will lead to the best outcome for both owners and puppies. I take careful consideration in the matching process. Prior to matching puppies to families, I let the puppies grow and develop, watch their temperaments, structure and working instincts with the intent to match puppies to the homes that seem to fit the needs of both family and puppy. This matching process takes place at or just after the seven-week period of age. The puppies receive a structural evaluation at 7 weeks, which helps to ensure strong structured puppies going to highly active jobs/sports. A structural evaluation can't take place prior to that period of their development. Also, their temperament changes and is more apparent at this 7-8 week timeframe as well. Some seem to be experiencing greater awareness of their surroundings through an increase of their sensory development. Therefore, the puppies are best matched to homes between this 7-8 week period. I encourage puppy buyers to not get attached to one particular puppy or to pick a puppy out by appearances. Towards the end of this process, I talk more with

each puppy buyer to narrow down the puppy that seems best suited for their family. I am happy to involve the family in this process and attempt to please the preferences of the family as much as possible. While this process takes patience, I find it to be the most responsible and successful way, which leads to a long happy life for both the puppy and the owners.

Your puppy will be registered with the United Kennel Club which has recognized the breed since 1927.

The puppies will have been wormed and will have received their first 5-way puppy vaccine. Your puppy will come with a 10-day health guaranty. This guarantees the puppy to be healthy at the time of purchase. It is recommended that you have a veterinarian examine your puppy within 10 days of acquiring your puppy. If the puppy becomes ill within 10 days and your vet feels the illness was contracted from my place, I will need vet records from your veterinarian. If this is the case and proof is received, I will reimburse vet fees up to the amount of the puppy's purchase price but not over, or I will take the puppy back and replace with a different puppy if available, or provide a full refund of the purchase price of the puppy at the time the puppy is returned.

Your puppy will be handled daily, and socialized with our family, our farm, and with people outside of our family, including with children and large men, which will help them be more well adjusted to unique circumstances as adults.

All puppies are introduced to basic training at 4 weeks old, using positive reinforcement. They will be house trained. They are temperament tested and structure evaluated to help determine proper placement and ensure that they are sound healthy puppies.

If during the life of your puppy, there comes a time when you are unable to keep the puppy, you must notify me and cooperate with me to find a suitable, healthy home for the dog; or return the dog to me.

By signing this contract, you agree that you are purchasing this puppy for your own family and will not re-sell this puppy/dog to any other person.

We take great pride and responsibility in the puppies we raise. We like to hear how your puppy is doing and appreciate updates on your puppy.

We are available at any time for advice or assistance with any issue that you may need.

Mail your application to: Dawn Stuart, Bear Creek Farm, 23075 Bear Creek Rd.
Bend, Oregon 97701

If your application is accepted we require a \$150 deposit to hold your request.

Puppy Applicant's Signature (s):

Date:

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