Aspen Peak Shepherds

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Application

The below application must be filled out to help us determine the type of person that should be matched with the type of puppy. After we receive your application, we will schedule a phone interview to further discuss life with a German Shepherd puppy, your time expectations, and to answer any questions you have of us. At the end of this application, please indicate a time of the day that you are available for a phone call. We will text or email you to arrange a specific date and time to discuss a puppy.

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THIS INFORMATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Aspen Peak Shepherds is interested in finding the best homes for our puppies. We do not assign puppies to pet parents on a first come/first serve basis. There is a right fit for a German Shepherd Dog and we want to help you determine if you are that fit. We strive to find the forever home for our puppies and discussing life with a German Shepherd puppy/dog is important in doing so. Please answer the following questions.

I live in a (check one only)

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_\_

Townhouse with no yard \_\_\_\_\_\_

Townhouse with a yard \_\_\_\_\_\_ Fenced (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Single family home with no yard \_\_\_\_\_\_

Single family home with yard \_\_\_\_\_\_ Fenced (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Ranch \_\_\_\_\_\_ Fenced (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fenced (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am (check all that apply):

Single \_\_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_\_

Have a roommate \_\_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have children \_\_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have other pets (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, number of pets in total \_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What sex are you looking for?

Female: First preference \_\_\_\_\_ Second preference \_\_\_\_\_ Not interested \_\_\_\_\_

Male: First preference \_\_\_\_ Second preference \_\_\_\_\_ Not interested \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever owned a German Shepherd Dog before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever owned a dog before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

We will sell puppies to first-time puppy buyers provided the buyer is committed to all the training requirements needed for a German Shepherd puppy and who understands the unique personality of a German Shepherd Dog. These measures will be discussed in an interview to ensure that the buyer is willing and capable of the training necessary to turn a German Shepherd puppy into a well-behaved German Shepherd Dog. Aspen Peak is committed to assisting any puppy buyer in training their puppy and dog in the right manner. This will ensure that your German Shepherd Dog, as an adult, becomes a loyal member of your family and respects all members of the household.

4. Who will be the primary caretaker of the puppy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Aspen Peak will never sell a puppy to a broker. A broker is considered someone who is buying a puppy to sell to another person or business, or who is procuring a puppy for a third party. Aspen Peak will recover any puppy that is sold to a broker posing as a prospective pet parent at any cost, which will be recovered from the broker. This application must be filled out by the prospective owner of the puppy.

5.. Have you read the Health Guarantee contract from Aspen Peak Shepherds?

Yes/No \_\_\_\_ (If not, please request a copy for your review.)

6. Are you interested in purchasing a puppy for yourself? Yes/No \_\_\_\_

7. Are you buying a puppy to be resold to another person or business, or for another person? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

8.. Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

(Anyone with a member of the household having dog allergies will not be allowed to adopt a puppy from Aspen Peak Shepherds, without exception.)

9. Do you rent or own? Rent \_\_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_\_

10. If you rent, does your landlord allow dogs? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. If you rent, is there a size/weight limit on dogs allowed? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

12. If yes, what is the size/weight limit? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. Should you move, what would you do with your puppy/dog?

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14. If you intend to add to your family in the future, such as with the birth of a child, what would you do with your German Shepherd puppy/dog?

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Chewing is a natural urge for puppies due to teething at the time they go home to their new owner. Puppies will chew anything and everything; however, providing numerous chew toys and treats will help curb their urge to chew items they are not supposed to chew.

15. Do you agree to provide chew toys and treats to your teething puppy to satisfy his need to chew? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you agree to continue to provide chew toys and treats to your German Shepherd Dog to provide activity and mental stimulation? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you agree to limit access to your German Shepherd puppy to dangerous items, such as electrical cords, and prohibited items, such as shoes, so he does not chew these during teething? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All puppies need training to teach good behavior and to establish boundaries; however, German Shepherds, being smart and active dogs, need continual training as puppies to develop correctly. This training does not have to be long sessions—15 to 20 minutes a session—but it needs to be done daily and throughout the day (2 to 3 times a day). Aspen Peak Shepherds will give instruction on how to train your German Shepherd puppy so you can do it at home and not have to spend large amounts of money on outside training.

18. Do you have time to dedicate to training as stipulated above? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. How many hours a day are you away from the home, at work or school, or otherwise, in which your puppy would be by itself? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. Where do you plan on putting your puppy in your absence?

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21. How will your puppy be potty trained in a lengthy absence?

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22. Are you willing to put your puppy in doggy daycare during a long daily absence? (A lengthy absence is dependent on the age of the puppy/dog. A puppy that is being housebroken should be taken out every 2-3 hours when you first get your puppy home, before three months of age. Then it is one additional hour per month of age. For instance, a five-month-old puppy MAY be able to hold their bladder six hours; a six-month-old puppy, seven hours. A puppy will have to move its bowels at least twice a day.) Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. What type of food will you provide for your puppy/dog?

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Puppies will need food formulated for their age, as well as their breed or size. Research the type of food you will be willing to give to your puppy/dog to ensure that he reaches is required daily intake of nutrition.

Aspen Peak Shepherds will always be available to recommend nutritious food and supplements. Some German Shepherds may have a tendency to be lean at first and may need supplements to develop a good body shape. However, puppies burn more calories during growth and will tend to be slender. Finding an appropriate food could be challenging without assistance.

24. Are you aware of the risk of bloat? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A common ailment among large breed dogs, including German Shepherds, is bloat, or gastric dilatation volvulus (GDV). This is a life-threatening condition where the stomach rotates on its axis, cutting off the passage of food and water, and inhibiting circulation to the stomach and intestines. It is a very serious condition that occurs when a dog’s stomach fills with gas and then rotates causing further distention and a series of severe complications.

Bloat can be avoided by proper feeding practices. Aspen Peak Shepherds will provide information on how best to avoid bloat.

25. Are you willing to feed your German Shepherd puppy/dog according to practices that will avoid the risk of bloat? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

26. Are you financially sound to support a pet? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

27. Are you willing to take your German Shepherd puppy to the veterinarian for all age-appropriate vaccinations that are necessary after you get your puppy home? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

28. Are you willing to spay or neuter your puppy before 12 months of age?

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

All Aspen Peak Shepherds are sold as pets, not as breeding animals. A buyer’s contract states that you agree to spay or neuter your puppy by 12 months of age. Once you have spayed or neutered your puppy, Aspen Peak will return $200 for a female spay or $150 for a male neuter, from the purchase price of the puppy, upon proof of the surgery. At that time, Aspen Peak Shepherds will register your puppy with the AKC in the buyer’s name.

29. Have you ever had a pet that you had to euthanize? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

30. If yes, please briefly explain the situation in which you had to euthanize a pet.

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31. At what point would you feel it necessary to euthanize your dog?

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32. Exercise is essential to the development and mental welfare of a puppy/dog. This exercise is gained through playtime with the puppy/dog. Do you have time to play with your puppy/dog on a daily basis? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_

German Shepherd Dogs are shedding dogs. However, routine grooming will limit the amount of loose hair lying about. Grooming instructions will be given to all buyers, but it will be up to the buyer to groom their puppy/dog. Grooming includes bathing your puppy/dog.

33. Grooming is essential to keep your puppy/dog clean and happy. Are you willing to do routine grooming for your dog? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

34. Are you interested in showing your German Shepherd in conformation? Yes/No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

35. Are you interested in your German Shepherd competing in a sport? Yes/No\_\_\_\_\_

36. What type of sport or activity are you interested in your German Shepherd puppy/dog competing in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time. Filling out this application helps us determine that you are, indeed, interested in one of our puppies, as well as to help us get to know you.

What is a good time to schedule a phone interview with you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What phone number is best to call you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_