



Prospective Owner Questionnaire

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Breeders who are concerned with the welfare of their dogs and their breed will ask you many questions. Some of these questions may seem intrusive, but good breeders will basically give you the third degree. Please don't be offended, just understand that we are trying to make sure both the dog and the owner are well-matched and will be happy with each other for years to come. The shiba inu has its own distinctive good and bad traits and shiba breeders need to work diligently to place each puppy or adult dog into the right home. As cute and smart as they are, a shiba inu is not a dog for everyone. They are independent, strong-willed and can sometimes be difficult to train. So as a breeder, we just want each dog to get the best home possible and for each to get the love, care and training they deserve. If a breeder DOES NOT ask questions of you and just wants your money in exchange for a dog, for your own security please don't buy from that breeder.

All of our shiba inus are sold by private written contract. All prospective homes are screened very carefully. We require this questionnaire to be completed and a \$500 nonrefundable deposit to be mailed along with the questionnaire to reserve placement on our waiting list for upcoming litters or for when adult dogs become available. Your deposit will be refunded ONLY if you do not pass the prospective owner screening process and/or if we do not have a dog or puppy that meets your request within 1 year from the date on this questionnaire. In addition to this questionnaire, when possible, we will do a site visit to your house to verify fencing and the care of your other animals once we have matched you with a puppy or dog. The welfare of the puppies we breed is of high importance to us, and we do this strictly for their safety.

Today's date _____

Please answer a few questions about yourself:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number with Area Code _____

E-Mail _____

Occupation _____

I am interested in getting a shiba inu:

now within 3 months within a year when the right one comes along

I would prefer the following: Male Female

I want a: Puppy Adult Rescue

I want my shiba to be a: Pet Show Dog

If you want a PET-quality dog would you consent to a spay/neuter agreement? Yes No

If NO, why not? _____

If you want a dog for SHOW, who will show the dog? _____

Have you shown dogs before? Yes No

Have you earned a Championship title with other dogs? Yes No

If you haven't shown dogs before, would you be willing to go to a conformation training class with your dog? Yes No

Would you be willing to hire a professional handler to show your dog? Yes No

What type of personality are you looking for in your new dog/puppy? _____

I am interested in doing the following activities with my shiba inu:

Conformation Obedience Agility Flyball Therapy Tracking Other _____

Family Structure and Lifestyle

Do you live in a: house townhouse apartment/condominium?

Do you own or rent? Own Rent

If RENTING are there restrictions concerning pets? Yes No

What restrictions _____

May we phone your landlord to verify this? Yes No

If YES, please provide landlord's name and phone number _____

If you OWN, do you live in an association that has restrictions on pets? Yes No

What restrictions _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No

If YES, what type and height is the fence _____

If NO, are you willing to install a fence or dog kennel? Yes No

Where will the dog stay:

While you are at home? _____

While you are away from home for short periods of time (at work, grocery store, out-on-the-town)? _____

During the night? _____

While you are on vacation or away from home for extended periods of time? _____

Approximately how many hours a day is someone in your family at home? _____

What kind of set-up do you have for your new dog?

Doggy door to fenced backyard

Fenced backyard with no doggie door

Outdoor Kennel

Other _____

Do you have children living at home with you? Yes No

If YES, what ages? _____

If you have young children, are you willing to hire a dog trainer to help with the adjustment of the dog/puppy to the kids? Yes No

Who will be the primary caretaker for this dog? _____

Do all family members agree to the purchase of this puppy and all the costs involved in owning a dog?

Yes No, please explain _____

Are ALL family members committed to raising, training, and caring for the new dog? Yes No

If NO, please explain _____

Dog Experience

Have you ever owned a dog before? Yes No

If YES, does that dog currently live with you? Yes No, please explain

How many dogs currently live at your house? _____

Please list the call name(s), breed(s) and age(s) of your dog(s).

How did you find out about the shiba inu breed? _____

Have you researched the breed and know their personality traits? Yes No

Have you ever seen a shiba inu in person? Yes No

What made you decide to get a shiba inu? _____

Do you have any other pets besides dogs? Yes No

If yes, what kind? _____

Training

Are you willing to hire a dog trainer to help with the adjustment of the dog or puppy to its new home?

Yes No

Do you plan on enrolling your new dog in an obedience training class? Yes No

If NO, Have you ever obedience trained a dog? Yes No

Please explain your background in training? _____

How do you plan on socializing your puppy with other dogs and people besides the ones that live in your house? _____

How do you plan on housetraining your new dog? _____

Do you know what crate training is? Yes No

Have you crate-trained any other dogs? Yes No

Do you currently own a crate or will purchase one for this puppy? Yes No

Do you realize that Shiba Inus are not off-leash dogs, and must always be on-leash or in a fenced enclosure AT ALL TIMES? Yes No

Are you aware that a puppy will, at some point, chew, destroy or break something of yours or a family members? Yes No

How will you deal with that? _____

Health and Welfare

Are you willing to take responsibility for a shiba inu for the next 10+ years, including annual vet checks, vaccinations, boarding, medical care, food, and training? Yes No

Do you realize the financial commitment involved with owning a dog which includes the cost of annual vet checks, vaccinations, boarding, medical care, food, and training? Yes No

Are you agreeable and understand that if you get a dog from us and you are unable or unwilling to keep it, that it must be returned to us? Yes No

References

Your personal veterinarian

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

How long have you been going there? _____

May we contact your vet as a reference? Yes No

Personal reference #1

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

How long have you known them? _____

May we contact them? Yes No

Personal reference #2

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

How long have you known them? _____

May we contact them? Yes No

Please remember that these questions are not to offend anyone. We just want to place the right dog with the right owner. This is an adoption of an animal that requires love and care, and we want to know that the dog will receive just that.

Print Name _____

Signature _____