



CELHAUS PUPPY BUYER QUESTIONNAIRE

Your answers on this questionnaire will help me determine if a CELHAUS German Shepherd is what you're looking for, and if one of my pups will do well in your home.

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME () _____ WORK () _____

CELL: () _____

Employer: _____

How long _____ Phone _____

Spouse's Employer: _____

How long _____ Phone _____

Please list 2 references:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Relation to you (family member, friend, coworker, trainer, vet, etc.) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Relation to you (family member, friend, coworker, trainer, vet, etc.) _____

1. Please check your preference

_____ Male _____ Female Either _____

Are you willing to spay/neuter a pet quality puppy? _____ yes _____ no (why?)

2. For what purpose do you want this German Shepherd?

_____ Personal pet (who is this person for: _____)

_____ Family Pet (ages of children: _____)

_____ Breeding (why? _____)

_____ Competition:

AKC/UKC obedience _____ tracking _____ agility _____

Schutzhund _____ Other _____

_____ Work:

Search & Rescue _____ Other: _____

Service Dog _____ What tasks? _____

3. Have you ever had a working-line German Shepherd before? They are much more intense, intelligent and driven than American lines and European show lines and require much more work the first year of life. Are you prepared to put a lot of time and energy into being a good leader for this pup AND channeling its drives into proper behavior? This question requires more than a yes and/or no so put some time into it.

4. Do you have a preference for the color of your German Shepherd?

_____ Black & tan _____ Sable _____ Bicolor _____ solid black (occasionally)

5. Approximately how many hours a day will your new German Shepherd be alone? (check one)

_____ 3 hours or less

_____ more than 3 hours, but less than 6

_____ more than 6, but less than 12

_____ how many hours at a time _____

6. How physically active are you? What activities (hiking, jogging, camping, etc.) will your dog do with you?

7. How many people currently live at your residence? (Please list each below)

Name

Relation to you

Age

8. Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your German Shepherd?

9. Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a German Shepherd puppy? _____
Does everyone in the family want a pup? _____

10. If you have children are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a German Shepherd puppy? Do you have time for kids AND a puppy?

11. Are you willing to teach your children the proper way to handle a live animal, especially a vulnerable and rambunctious puppy? How?

12. What is your family's overall reaction to owning a dog?

What members are enthusiastic? Unenthusiastic?

What complaints have been made?

13. Have you and your family considered that a dog lives for years?

Are you willing to make that commitment?

14. Have you considered the financial cost of dog ownership? Are you financially prepared to give your dog the routine medical care it requires and to feed it a high quality dog food?
15. Have you owned a German Shepherd or any dog before (what breeds)? How long did it (they) live/did you have them? What was the cause of death or placement with another person?
16. What is it about German Shepherd Dogs that has generated your interest in the breed?
17. What other breeds have you considered?

18. What are the four characteristics you find most appealing about a new German Shepherd? (Choose four and number the choices: 1 = BEST, 2 = 2nd BEST, etc.)

_____ active	_____ calm	_____ vocal
_____ playful	_____ independent	_____ quiet
_____ independent	_____ loving	_____ high drive
_____ aggressive	_____ pretty	_____ dominant
_____ submissive	_____ large	_____ shy
_____ confident	_____ small	

Other _____

19. CELHAUS German Shepherds are active and ambitious. I recommend that you take your new pup to puppy kindergarten class and to formal obedience classes after it's 6 months old. Would a formal obedience training program be something you, as a new owner, would be interested in participating in? (If NO, please provide a brief explanation)
20. What kind of work or behaviors do you expect of your German Shepherd Dog?
21. What would be your response if he/she made a mistake?

22. What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training him/her? How serious are you about exhibiting, how competitive are you?
23. What is your definition of disciplining a dog?

What is your initial reaction to the idea of disciplining your dog?

24. How long have you lived in your current residence? _____
Please send a picture if I am unable to personally inspect.

Which of the following best describes your current residence?

_____ Own a home _____ Rent/lease a home

_____ Own/rent/lease a townhouse (multiple family dwelling)

(Please note: If you rent/lease your residence a copy of the lease and written permission from the landlord to have a German Shepherd will be required before you can purchase a CELHAUS puppy.)

25. Do you have a fence? _____ yes _____ no **Please send a picture.**
Type of fence _____ Height _____
Is the fence secure and solid? _____
What type of gates? _____
Can children open the gates? _____
26. What type of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard? _____

27. Are you willing to make the improvements? When can you do so & how long will it take?

28. If you have a pool, is it fenced? How?

29. If you have a dog run, is it secure? How?

30. Have you checked the yard for dangerous articles, plants or anything the dog could use to climb out, burrow under, or eat to its endangerment?

31. Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard that could plague the dog? (such as neighbor dogs,

loose dogs on street, threatening neighbors, mischievous children)

33. Can strangers gain access to your yard? Can children open the gates?
34. Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a German Shepherd puppy and raise it to be a good canine citizen? Have you carefully considered how a German Shepherd will fit into your lifestyle?
35. Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and children gain admittance to your home, property and car without your supervision? How?
36. Do you intend to keep the dog primarily indoors or outdoors? Please elaborate.
Please send a picture if I am unable to inspect.
37. Where will the dog sleep at night? _____
38. What animals currently live in the household? (Please list)
- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Type of pet</u> | <u>Sex/Age</u> | <u>How long owned?</u> | <u>Kept where</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| _____ | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
39. Have you had any complaints about your pets? Please elaborate.
40. Does anyone in the household have any known allergies to animals?
_____ NO _____ YES, please provide a brief explanation

41. Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your new German Shepherd?
_____ NO _____ YES (please provide name/address/phone)

42. How did you find out about CELHAUS German Shepherds?

_____ Veterinarian (Name _____)

_____ Newspaper/magazine ad (Which one: _____)

_____ Friend _____

_____ Other _____

This questionnaire was adapted from the one used by Breed Rescue Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, in the hopes that no dog of my breeding would ever have to endure abuse, abandonment or neglect. If for any reason you are ever unable to keep your CELHAUS German Shepherd, I want it back.

Please return this questionnaire to:

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