

Questionnaire for Prospective Puppy Buyers

Thank you for inquiring about Pellums Precious Paws where we strive to produce physically and mentally sound dogs.

When we have litters, we make sure our puppies are going to loving, committed homes. We do our best to screen new owners to ensure a good match between puppy and buyer. All litters are temperament tested. As much as possible we attempt to evaluate the personality of puppies by observing them during their development. We then attempt to match the puppy to the new owner to produce the best fit of puppy and family. For this reason, you may not be allowed to pick your puppy from an entire litter. After an extensive inquiry into your lifestyle and home arrangements, you may be given two or three puppies to choose from. We do this to insure the likelihood of a fulfilling and rewarding relationship with your new puppy.

Before any puppy leaves our home, it has been well cared for and socialized. However, a puppy does not go to its new owner as a trained, well-mannered finished product. It is up to the puppy buyer to complete the job we have started. The new owner is responsible for the further development of the puppy's personality, through structured discipline, training, guidance, and love. In an effort to ensure that our puppies develop into the treasured adult dogs they are capable of becoming, we ask new owners to commit to taking their new puppy to at least one full session of puppy socialization classes offered locally.

We make every effort to insure that our puppies are free from inherited defects, by screening perspective 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 free of genetic disorders. For this reason, we do provide a 1 year written health guarantee.

Pellums Precious Paws is committed to providing loving care to every puppy we produce, for the life of that puppy. We welcome every puppy purchaser to our "family", and will do all we can to make your experience with us memorable.

Your Name (Required):

Your Street Address (Required):

Your e-mail Address (Required):

Phone Number (Required):

How did you find us? (Referral from another buyer, breeder's directory, vet recommendation, etc.)

What sex are you interested in? Do you have a color preference?

For what purpose(s) are you interested in a one of our puppies?

Are you interested in a shih-tzu, yorkie, or shorkie?

What are you looking for in one of our puppies? (Color, markings, face preference, size, etc)

Do you foresee a problem with adhering to our spay/neuter requirement? If yes, why?

Have you spoken with any other shihtzu, yorkie, or shorkie breeders or owners? If yes, please list them.

Are you currently on the waiting list for any other litters?

Do you have children? Please list their ages.

How do your children react to dogs and/or other animals?

Do you rent or own your residence?

Do you have a fenced yard?

If not, how will you provide security for your puppy when it's outside or when you're away?

Is there someone home during the day, or able to get home to "potty" a puppy?

Where will this puppy spend the day?

Will this puppy have regular contact with its family during the day?

Where will this puppy spend the evening?

Will this puppy have regular contact with its family during the evening?

Where will this puppy sleep?

Are you willing to attend group-training classes with this dog?

Have you ever owned a shihtzu, yorkie, or shorkie before, if so which breed?

If you haven't owned one of our breeds before, what other breed of dog have you owned?
(If you haven't owned a dog before, please state.)

Do you still own the dog(s) mentioned above?

If not, what happened to the dog(s)?

If any of the dogs are deceased, what were the circumstances?

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of this puppy?

Do all family members agree on the addition of your new puppy to the family?

If not, who is not in favor of getting a puppy and why?

Please provide the name, address, and phone number of your vet.

Have you ever given up a dog to a shelter or pound? If so, why?

What type of personality do you feel would be best suited for your family?

What leisure activities is your family involved with?

Do you belong to any shihtzu, yorkie, or shorkie club or dog training clubs? If so, which one(s)?

Please give us any other information you think will help us get to know you and your needs with respect to placing a puppy most suited to your family/lifestyle:

We evaluate every placement on a case by case basis. Please know that these questions are not to judge you, these questions are to make sure our babies and the families we work with get the best match possible. We can not guarantee even with the evaluations that all puppies and owners will be the perfect match, but we will do our best to try to make that happen. We will always be available for the life of our babies to answer questions, help with situations that arise, and will always take our babies back no questions asked to keep them from shelters. We ask that if you need to rehome your puppy as a pup or as an adult that you allow us to help you find a new home for the pup, and in the event that you are seeking a shelter or rescue, we ask that the pup or adult come back to us, so we can evaluate, train, and rehome. I have spent countless hours with these babies, have delivered them, cared for them, and love them all very much. These babies will always be wanted by us regardless of the situation.