

ADLER STEIN KENNELS  
PRE-PURCHASE QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY AND COMPLETELY TO HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS AND TO DETERMINE IF WE HAVE A PUPPY TO SUIT YOU AND YOUR LIFESTYLE. SHOULD WE DECIDE THAT ONE OF OUR DOGS WILL FIT INTO YOUR SITUATION, THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE USED TO ASSIST YOU FURTHER WITH RAISING AND TRAINING THE DOG OR PUPPY.

1) Why do you want to own a German Shepherd Dog? What specific traits attracted you to this breed of dog?

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2) What do you intend as the primary role of a German Shepherd puppy or dog in your household? For example, will the puppy/dog be primarily a personal companion, family companion, home guard dog, playmate for the children, personal protection dog, outdoor watchdog, sport competition dog, etc?

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3) Have you owned a German Shepherd Dog previously? YES or NO?

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4) Have you owned other breeds of dogs previously? YES or NO?

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5) How many puppies of any breed have you raised?

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6) If you have owned dogs previously, please list them.

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7) What became of these dogs? For example, died of old age, placed in another home, still with us, etc.

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8) Have you ever "Crate Trained" a puppy? Yes or No?

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9) If you have owned dogs or puppies in the past, how did you discipline them for behaviors you found unacceptable?

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10) What manners will be required of the puppy/dog for he or she to become an acceptable member of your household?

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11) Where will the dog live at your residence? For example: Outside, indoor and outdoor, in a dog kennel etc.

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12) Describe your yard including whether there is a fence and what type of fence, grass or concrete, pool, etc.

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13) Are you interested in a male or female German Shepherd? What is the reason for your preference? \_\_\_Male \_\_\_Female.

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14) Are you planning to breed your dog? Yes or No?

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15) Do you plan to spay or neuter your dog? Yes or No?

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16) If you answered yes to Question 15, at what age do you plan to spay or neuter your dog?

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17) Have you ever had to euthanize any of your pets? Yes or No?

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18) If you answered no to Question 17, could you do so if advised to by a veterinarian? Yes or No?

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19) How much time do you have to spend with your dog or puppy each day?

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20) Do you own or rent your home? For how long?

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21) Does your Home Owners insurance allow you to own a German Shepherd Dog? Yes or No?

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22) Do you have friends who may be frightened or intimidated by a German Shepherd Dog? How do you intend to handle your dog when guests come to your home?

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23) When you go out of town, who will care for your dog or puppy? For example, boarding facility, house sitter, etc.

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24) Do you plan to obedience train your dog? Yes or No?

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25) Have you researched trainers in your area or visited their training facility?

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26) If you plan to train your dog with a trainer, please provide the name of the trainer or facility where the training will take place.

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27) Do you intend to compete in any dog related sports or activities such as Schutzhund training, Agility, Competitive Obedience, Search and Rescue etc? Yes or No?

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28) If you answered yes to Question 28, please describe what activity you will participating in and where you will do this, i.e. name of club or organization you will be a member of.

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29) If you have participated in dog training activities previously, for how long have you been doing this?

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30) Do you have children or are you planning to have children in the future? Please list their ages.

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31) Have your children been around dogs or animals?

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31a) How do you plan to introduce your puppy or dog to your children?

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31b) Do you expect that your children will socialize with the dog or puppy unsupervised?

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32) Have you read any books on dog care and training? If so, please list what you have read.

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33) How much socialization do you think a German Shepherd Dog requires?  
How and where would you socialize your new dog?

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34) Have you done any research on the German Shepherd Dog breed? If so, what sources have you referenced? Please list:

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35) Are you aware of the genetic health issues that are associated with the German Shepherd breed?

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36) Please provide at least two references including phone numbers.

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37) Do you have a regular veterinarian who would supply a reference for you? Please list the name and phone number.

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38) Please provide the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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