



Australian Shepherd Puppy Application

Please fill out thoroughly. You are applying to become a puppy parent of an Australian Shepherd puppy from Ellison Family Homestead. Your answers will help us to better match you with the puppy that best fits your goals and wishes. We want to ensure that all of our puppies go to “forever” homes where both you and the puppy thrive.

About You (Full legal name of the person you wish to be the registered owner)

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

About Your Household

1. Where do you live? ___ Apartment ___ House (rent) ___ House (own)
 ___ Condo ___ Mobile Home ___ Other (please specify): _____

2. # of people in your household: _____

3. List the ages of the people in your household:

4. If you have children, do they have experience with a dog?

5. Will there be someone home with the dog at all times? If not, how many hours per day will the dog be left alone?

6. Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs and/or dog dander? If yes, how do you plan to address the allergy concern?

7. Do you have other animals in your home? If so, please list:



8. Do you have a veterinarian? _____
9. Do you have a securely fenced yard? _____
10. Tell us about your yard:

About the Dog

1. Have you owned an Australian Shepherd before? If yes, how many and where are they now?

2. Why did you choose and Australian Shepherd?

3. Have you owned a dog before of any breed? If yes, Please list:

4. Do you currently have any other dogs? List breeds and ages:

5. Do you have experience raising a puppy?

6. What traits are you looking for in a dog? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good with kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Herding ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Working dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with other animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good with other dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Guard dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Competition (ie agility) | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily trainable | <input type="checkbox"/> Intelligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Camping partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> High energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low energy | <input type="checkbox"/> AKC/ASCA registered | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Pedigree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specific coloring/look | | |

7. What is the most important characteristic for the dog you want to adopt?



8. Any specific characteristics you want to avoid in a dog (deal breakers)?

9. Are you willing to puppy proof your home and yard to ensure your puppy's safety? What steps have you already taken to do so?

10. Which color of coat would you prefer in an Aussie?

Blue Merle Red Merle Red Tri Black Tri
 Black Bi Red Bi No preference

11. What sex of puppy would you prefer? Male Female

About the Puppy Contract

1. All puppies sold by Ellison Family Australian Shepherds are sold with limited registration on a spay/neuter contract only (pet only, no breeding). All dogs must be spayed or neutered by the time they are 2 years of age. By purchasing a puppy from us, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to these terms.

Please initial: _____

2. Bringing a puppy/dog into your home is a commitment for the life of the dog. Being a dog owner is expensive and time consuming. We expect that all prospective dog parents have taken the time to evaluate their situations before bringing a puppy/dog home. However, we understand that unexpected things do happen and as responsible breeders, we are here to support you. In the event of a life change and you can no longer care for or keep the dog, we require that the dog be returned to Ellison Family Homestead. **We do not offer refunds of any kind for any reason if the dog is returned.** However, as stewards of this breed, we will always accept the return of any dogs produced by us who is in need of a new home. Under no circumstances will the dog be taken or surrendered to a shelter, rescue, humane society, or rehomed. Under no circumstances will the dog be sold or given to any individual or organization that is in the business of using or marketing dogs for profit, research, experimentation, or animal fighting/violence. By purchasing a puppy from us, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to these terms.

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3. Once a successful pregnancy is confirmed by our veterinarian, all persons on our interest list will be notified via email and/or text message to submit an application. After submission of this application, you will be notified if you are accepted as a suitable home for a puppy. You may then secure your place on the waitlist with a \$250 nonrefundable deposit via Zelle, Venmo, or Paypal. If you live locally and would like to pay with cash or money order, please contact us at 209-617-4172 for directions. Please do not submit this deposit until you have been accepted as a potential puppy parent. All online or app-based forms of payment (Zelle, Venmo, or Paypal) must be paid using the "Friends and Family" option or you must also include an additional amount to cover the cost of fees charged by the payment platform. Deposits are nonrefundable, however, they are transferrable to another litter. We cannot guarantee a successful pregnancy or the number, color, or sex of puppies in any litter before they are born. For this reason, if you are not able to get a puppy you desire in the current litter, the deposit will be transferred to the next litter. Prospective puppy parents will have the opportunity to choose their puppy according to their order on the waitlist (order of deposit placement). Payment of the entire balance (total price minus \$250 deposit) will be due before or on the day of puppy pick up when the puppy is 8 weeks old, paid using one of the previously mentioned payment options. No exceptions. Any puppies not picked up after 10 weeks will be considered forfeit and the puppy will be placed back up for adoption. No refunds. No exceptions. By purchasing a puppy from us, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to these terms.
- Please initial:** _____

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read this entire application and the information within it completely. You understand all provisions listed and acknowledge that you have been given the opportunity to ask any questions before you have placed your nonrefundable deposit.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Do you have any other concerns or questions you would like us to address at this time?

**All completed applications should be emailed to:
Ellisonfamilyhomestead@gmail.com**