

JIAAEN'S ENGLISH SHEPHERDS

Puppy Application/Questionnaire

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State/ Zip _____
Email: _____

We strive to find the best homes for our puppies and have their best interest at heart. The questions below will allow us to get to know you and what you are looking for in an English Shepherd. To help ensure that our puppies are matched with the right homes please answer the questions below. This is almost as in-depth as a job or credit application. Please do your best to share your self and your lifestyle through this application process. Thank you so much!

Where did you hear about us? _____

1. Are you interested in a male or female? _____
2. What is your preferred color? _____ (I attempt to meet color preference but cannot guarantee this. Temperament is of primary importance.)
3. Do you have a size preference? Small, medium, large? _____ Does it matter? _____
4. What energy level are you looking for in a puppy? Low (___) Medium (___) High (___) (Pick one)
5. What are your plans for this puppy? _____
6. What activities do you plan on doing with your puppy? _____
7. Do you live in town or in the country? _____ If in the country, how much property do you have? _____
8. If in town do you have a fenced yard? _____ How tall? _____ What type of fence? _____
9. Do you have a dog kennel or run? _____ If yes, what size? _____ How much time would the dog or puppy be in the kennel or fenced yard? _____
10. Will the puppy be inside the house or outside or both? _____
11. Will there be anyone home during the work day? _____
12. When no one is home (like a work day) where will puppy be confined? _____
13. Who will be the primary caretaker for the puppy? _____
14. Do you have any children or grandchildren? _____ If yes what are their ages? _____
15. Have they been around dogs or other animals? _____
16. Do you have any dogs? _____ If yes how many? _____ What breeds? _____
17. Do you have any other animals or livestock? (please list) _____
18. Why do you want an English Shepherd? _____
19. What materials have you read on the breed if any? _____
20. Have you owned a dog before? _____ If so what breed? _____
21. Have you owned an English Shepherd before? _____ If yes, where was it purchase from? _____
22. Are you planning on taking the puppy to a puppy class? _____
23. Do you travel? _____ If yes, how often? _____
24. What hobbies or activities do you or your family like to do? _____
25. Are you a breeder? _____ If yes, how long? _____ Have you bred dogs before? _____ If yes what breed? _____
26. Do you want to become a breeder? _____ If yes explain why _____
27. Do you want to compete with your English Shepherd? _____ If yes what dog sport? _____
28. Have you competed or shown dogs before? _____ If yes, what breed? _____
29. What aspects of an English Shepherd are most important to you: (mark all that apply)
Friendly(___) Calm(___) Companion(___) Therapy(___) Plays ball/Frisbee(___) Athletic(___) Obedient(___)
Appearance(___) Protective(___) Reserved(___) Outgoing(___) High Drive(___) Other: _____
30. With visitors how do you want your English Shepherd to behave? _____
31. What was the end result of prior owned dogs? Died of old age/illness, Ran away, Stolen, Placed in Shelter or Rescue, Sold, Please explain: _____
32. What will you feed your dog? _____
33. Do you plan on doing vaccinations? Some or all? Please explain: _____

Reference:

1. Veterinarian Name: _____ Phones: _____
Address: _____

2. Personal references: Name: _____ Phones: _____

Address: _____

3. Please provide the name, address and phone number of a Trainer you plan on using:

4. Please provide any other pertinent information you feel we should know:

Once your application has been reviewed we will contact you to discuss further what you are looking for in a puppy. Our puppy price is \$825. A \$200 deposit is required to hold a puppy. The deposit is refundable in the event that I cannot supply you with the gender of your choice. The remaining balance will be due in cash at the time of pick-up or prior to shipping. All shipping expenses are the responsibility of the purchaser. This would include a plane ticket, health certificate (required by airlines), crate, leash and collar, etc. If the breeder delivers the puppy to the Portland or Eugene Airport for shipping, an additional \$40 will be added to the puppy price to cover breeder's fuel expense. You may opt to fly out and pick your puppy up, in which case the puppy can fly with you in a carry-on bag or crate. This can sometimes save money in shipping and can be a better trip for the puppy too.

I supply my puppy buyers with plenty of educational material to help the new families prepare for their puppy, get to know the needs of their puppy and to help with raising their puppy. I also provide safety information. I send this information regularly via email along with photos and updates about the puppies. Buyers must read the information to become informed about how to best care for the puppy once it comes home. If the buyer chooses not to heed the information provided to them, the buyer will be responsible for any injury or damage that may occur to the puppy. It is also highly recommended that the owners take their puppy to training and consult with a trainer to learn proper puppy/dog training methods. Puppy buyers may visit the puppies as often as they desire while the puppies are developing. I really appreciate that when possible as it brings more continuity to the whole experience!

My goal is to best find lifetime matches for puppies that will lead to the best outcome for both owners and puppies. I take great responsibility in the matching process, spend a lot of time getting to know the puppies, and calling on others with more experience who know the breed. I let the puppies grow and develop, watch their temperaments, structure and working instincts with the intent to match puppies to the homes that seem to fit the needs of both family and puppy. For example, puppies that are going to homes with children need to have a puppy whose temperament is best inclined toward children. My goal is to provide puppies with a lot of experience and exposure with children. Puppies going to working homes or sporting activities, such as agility, need temperaments that show working aptitude and strong physical structure. We will do a structural evaluation on the puppies at 7 weeks, which helps to ensure strong structured puppies going to highly active jobs/sports. A structural evaluation can't take place prior to that period of their development.

Therefore, the puppies won't be ready for the matching process until after the structural evaluation at 7 weeks. Also, puppy's personalities can change over the course of 8 weeks. We especially like to evaluate the puppy's temperaments between 7 & 8 weeks, when some seem to be experiencing greater awareness of their surroundings through an increase of their sensory development. I encourage puppy buyers to not get attached to one particular puppy or to pick a puppy out by appearances. Towards the end of this process, I talk more with each puppy buyer to narrow down the puppy that seems to be best suited for their family. I will inform each family which puppy is best suited to their family between 7 & 8 weeks. The process requires patience from the families while they wait to hear which puppy will be matched to their family. While patience can be hard, it all works out well in the end, which leads to a long happy life for both the puppy and the owners.

Your puppy will be registered with the United Kennel Club who has recognized the breed since 1927, or the English Shepherd Club, which is working to preserve the breed. The puppies will have been wormed 2-3 times and will have received their first 5-way puppy vaccine. Their nails will have been trimmed on a weekly basis since birth and handled daily and socialized in our family and with people outside of our family. All puppies are introduced to basic training at 4 weeks old, using positive reinforcement, and house training is established. They are temperament tested and structure evaluated to help determine proper placement and ensure that they are sound healthy puppies. Your puppy will come with a 10-day health guaranty. This guarantees the puppy to be healthy at the time of purchase. It is recommended that you have a veterinarian examine your puppy within 10 days of acquiring your puppy. If the puppy becomes ill within 10 days and your vet feels the illness was contracted from our place, I will need vet records from your veterinarian. If this is the case and proof is received, I will reimburse vet fees up to the amount of the puppy's purchase price but not over, or I will take the puppy back and replace with a different puppy if available, or provide a full refund of the purchase price of the puppy at the time the puppy is returned. If during the life of your puppy, there comes a time when you are unable to keep the puppy, I ask that you work with me to find a suitable healthy home for the dog. If you are unable to find a suitable home for the dog, I ask that you return the dog to me. We take great pride and responsibility in the puppies we raise. We like to hear how your puppy is doing and are available at any time for advice or assistance you may need.

After your application has been accepted please mail your application along with \$200 deposit to JAI AEN BECK, PO BOX 346, SCIO OR 97374. I am also open to using Paypal or credit card over the phone but ask the 4% charge they require as part of our transaction. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. 541-946-3183 rings both my cell and landline. Thank you!

Puppy Applicant's Signature (s): _____ **Date:** _____

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