

Furman German Shepherds – Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know which puppy is the best fit for my family?

At Furman German Shepherds, we take the time to get to know each family and their lifestyle. We evaluate every puppy daily and help match you with the puppy whose temperament, drive, and personality best fit your home and goals.

Can you help match me with the right puppy?

Absolutely. While families are welcome to share their preferences, our priority is placing each puppy where it will thrive. We believe the best match leads to a lifetime of success for both the puppy and its family.

What is the difference between a mild, medium, and high-drive puppy?

Mild-drive puppies are generally calmer and easygoing, making them wonderful companions. Medium-drive puppies are eager to learn, enjoy training, and adapt well to active families. We focus on producing well-balanced puppies with mild to medium drives that excel as loyal companions while remaining capable of advanced training.

Are males or females better for families?

Both make exceptional family companions. Males are often known for their confident, affectionate personalities, while females are typically attentive and quick to learn. The individual puppy's temperament is more important than gender.

What are your German Shepherds like?

Our West German Show Line German Shepherds are known for their excellent temperaments, beautiful structure, rich red and black pigmentation, intelligence, loyalty, and willingness to please. They are loving family companions while naturally possessing the confidence and instincts the breed is known for.

Are your puppies good with children?

Yes. Our puppies are raised with daily interaction and are exposed to children as part of their early socialization. We believe early positive experiences help puppies become confident, well-rounded family members.



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Will they get along with other dogs and cats?

Our puppies are introduced to other dogs and household experiences from an early age. With proper introductions and continued socialization, they typically transition very well into homes with other pets.

What health testing do you perform?

Our breeding dogs undergo health testing, including hips, elbows, and genetic screening, before being considered for our breeding program. Our goal is to produce healthy, sound puppies that meet the highest standards.

Do the puppies see a veterinarian before going home?

Yes. Every puppy receives a complete veterinary examination before leaving for its new home. They also receive age-appropriate vaccinations, deworming, and a fecal examination to help ensure they begin life with their new family as healthy as possible.

How are your puppies raised?

Our puppies are raised in our home, not in an outdoor kennel. They receive daily love, interaction, and socialization from our family while being exposed to everyday household sounds and experiences.

What kind of socialization do your puppies receive?

We begin early neurological stimulation and age-appropriate enrichment, introduce different surfaces, sounds, toys, and environments, and encourage positive interactions that help build confidence and resilience.

Do you begin potty and crate training?

Yes. Around three weeks of age, puppies begin learning to use a designated potty area. As they grow, we introduce crate training and help establish routines that make the transition into their new homes much easier.

At what age can puppies go home?

Our puppies are ready to join their new families at approximately eight weeks of age after receiving their veterinary examination and meeting our standards for health and development.



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What does my puppy go home with?

Each puppy goes home with AKC registration paperwork, health records, vaccination and deworming records, veterinary documentation, a health guarantee, a sample of their current food, and a puppy pack to help them settle into their new home.

What food do you feed?

We feed a high-quality puppy food chosen to support healthy growth and development. We also provide guidance on nutrition and feeding schedules when your puppy goes home.

How should I prepare for my new puppy?

We recommend having a properly sized crate, quality puppy food, food and water bowls, toys, a leash, collar, and a safe area prepared before bringing your puppy home. We'll provide additional guidance to help make the transition as smooth as possible.

How much exercise does a German Shepherd puppy need?

Young puppies benefit from short play sessions, supervised exploration, and plenty of rest. We recommend avoiding excessive exercise or repetitive impact while they are still developing.

How much grooming does a long-coated German Shepherd require?

Long-coated German Shepherds should be brushed several times each week to help maintain their beautiful coat and reduce shedding. Regular nail trimming, ear cleaning, and routine grooming are also important.

Are German Shepherds good family dogs?

Absolutely. German Shepherds are loyal, intelligent, affectionate, and devoted to their families. With proper training and socialization, they make exceptional companions for adults and children alike.

Do you offer transportation?

Yes. We can help coordinate safe transportation options when needed and are happy to discuss the best arrangements for your puppy.



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How do I reserve a puppy?

A completed puppy application and an approved \$500 deposit will reserve your place on our waiting list or secure an available puppy.

Do you provide support after I take my puppy home?

Yes! We are committed to every puppy we produce and proudly offer lifetime breeder support. Whether you have questions about training, nutrition, health, or behavior, we're always just a phone call, text, or email away.

What if I can no longer keep my dog?

We believe every Furman German Shepherd deserves a safe and loving home for life. If circumstances ever change, we ask that you contact us first. We'll gladly help guide you through the process of finding the best possible solution for your dog.

What makes Furman German Shepherds different?

At Furman German Shepherds, our passion goes far beyond producing beautiful puppies. We are dedicated to preserving the exceptional temperament, health, structure, and intelligence of the West German Show Line German Shepherd. Every litter is thoughtfully planned with the goal of producing confident, healthy, well-balanced companions that will enrich the lives of their families. We believe in lifelong relationships with our puppy families and take great pride in supporting them every step of the way.

