

## RANCHO CALI AUSSIES APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Age:

Occupation:

**Questionnaire:** \*Please be HONEST. The answers to these questions are just to get a feel of where you are at, to see if an Australian Shepherd would be a good fit for you, and if we can recommend certain things before getting a puppy from us.

How did you hear about us? (Instagram, Facebook, friend, Internet search, another breeder, other?):

Do you rent or own your home?:

If you rent, please list your Landlord's name and phone number to confirm that you are allowed to have a dog:

What type of home do you live in? (Apartment, house, condo, other?):

Do you have a fenced yard?:

Do you have children? If so please list their ages:

Do any members of the household suffer from any allergies? If so, what kind?:

Will this be your family's first dog?:

Have you raised Australian Shepherds before? If not, are you familiar with the breed?:

Do you have any other pets? If so, what kind and what ages?:

Is there anyone in the household who does not want a puppy?:

Are you prepared to commit to the veterinary care for the life of your dog?:

Have you ever raised a puppy?:

Where will the puppy sleep?:

How long will the puppy be alone daily?:

Australian Shepherds are very smart dogs. They learn very quickly and flourish when you stimulate their minds. Are you willing to learn how to personally train them or go to a training course to ensure a happy Aussie, and a pet that will thrive with your family? A bored pet that does not receive enough exercise or mental stimulation can cause a lot of destruction. Boredom is the MAIN reason for unwanted behaviors. Are you prepared to invest the time and responsibility required to raise a puppy?:

Are you aware of an Australian Shepherd's grooming needs? Aussies have a double coat and shed year round. If you cannot deal with shedding, an Aussie is not for you. It is recommended to brush them with a special double coat brush, a couple times a week to minimize the amount of shedding and so their coat does not get matted. It can also be very harmful to shave their coats (do your research). Are you willing to keep up with their grooming needs?:

Are you aware of an Australian Shepherds exercise needs? Most shepherd canines are very active. Even if you get one of our low to medium drive puppies, it will still need daily exercise. Australian Shepherds are not dogs that are meant to just sit and lounge all day. They are very adaptable to your lifestyle and some require more exercise than others, but are you willing to walk them, play with them, and mentally stimulate them on a daily basis?:

Do you understand that a puppy will need frequent potty breaks during the day and even late at night? Who will mainly take on this responsibility?

Why do you want an Aussie?

#### Preferences on a Puppy:

Which Litter are you interested in?:

Preferred sex (if you have no preference, please let us know):

Preferred color (Black Tri, Red Tri, Blue Merle, Red Merle) –

Please give 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice (If you have no preference, please let us know):

Here at Rancho Cali Aussies, we wait until our puppies are 5-6 weeks old before you can choose one. It is so much easier to choose a puppy at this age than at newborn. At this age their personalities start to show and I highly encourage families to choose a puppy based on temperament/drive first, and coat color/gender second. It is the most important factor in ensuring happy families and happy dogs. Since getting a dog that has a higher drive than you will lead to issues, we want you to choose a puppy that will thrive with your personality and lifestyle. Puppies are chosen in the order deposits are received. Are you ok with this?:

What is your family like? What are some of your favorite activities to do together? (Do you stay home a lot? Go to the beach often? Hike a lot?) Please tell me about your lifestyle. The answer to this question is only to best match you with the perfect puppy:

What drives, temperaments, and qualities are you looking for in a dog?:

All puppies are sold with limited registration, meaning you cannot breed your dog. Puppies must be spayed/ neutered by their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. If you want full registration/breeding rights, please let me know now so we can discuss this further. If I accept to sell you breeding rights, it is at an additional cost, and must be decided before placing a deposit. Are you ok with this?:

If you no longer want or cannot care for the dog, do you agree to contact us and return the dog to us? The dog cannot be transferred, rehomed, or taken to a shelter.:

Any extra information you would like me to know?: