

## **Bitterroot Tzu Puppy Applicant Forum**

### **OUR MISSION:**

Here at Bitterroot Tzu, we strive to find the best homes possible for each one of our puppies. Our puppies are our babies, and we are responsible for them from birth and until they go to their new homes. It is because of this that we strive to ensure a stable lifelong placement for each of our pups and obtain the satisfaction of our clients. Since puppies (like humans) are individuals with their own distinctive personalities, puppy purchase should be largely based upon personality and lifestyle factors and not just appearance. Sometimes unfortunately, owners cannot be matched to the specific personality/lifestyle of the applicant. In this instance, the application may be unable to be approved, however we may be able to offer the option of placing you on a waiting list for a future puppy with the placement of a non-refundable deposit . If we feel you are unable to provide a stable and loving home for the puppy, likewise your application will be declined. We reserve the right to decline any applicant's purchase of a puppy at any time for any reason. Thank you for understanding, and we hope you are able to join our family here at Bitterroot Tzu!

### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_

1. Please explain why you would like to purchase a puppy from Bitterroot Tzu:

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2. Why have you chosen this breed?

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3. Are you aware of the predisposition of any health issues attributed to this breed?

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4. Where do you live? In what conditions will the puppy be living in? Please elaborate.

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5. Do you own any other pets? If so, what kind and what breed?

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6. Who will be the primary caretaker of the dog?

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7. Have you ever owned a Shih Tzu before?

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8. How many hours a day on average, will the dog be left alone?

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9. Do you have children? If so, what are their ages?

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10. What qualities would you like in a dog?

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11. What qualities would you **NOT** want in a dog?

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12. Please describe the temperament or personality you would prefer in your puppy:

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13. Are you interested in a male/female or no preference on gender, and why?

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14. What color coat/markings do you prefer?

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15. Are you looking for a companion dog, breeding dog or agility dog?

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16. What does your typical day look like? How would your dog fit into your schedule?

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17. How do you plan on dealing with housebreaking or other issues that may arise with your new puppy?

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18. How much time do you have to devote to raising a young puppy? Reminder: Raising a young puppy is similar to raising an infant!

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19. Describe your home setting. Where will the puppy be during the day, and where will he/she sleep during the night?

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20. Are all of your family members on board with a dog joining your family for the next 12-15 years?

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21. If you decide for whatever reason that you no longer want the puppy, do you plan to rehome the dog yourself or return to us?

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