

# EWAWKI RIVER ANATOLIAN DOGS



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**DUE TO THE STRONG WORKING INSTINCT OF ANATOLIAN SHEPHERDS, WE PREFER TO PLACE PUPPIES IN WORKING HOMES, AS GENERAL FARM OR FAMILY GUARDIANS, OR WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH LARGE WORKING BREEDS. ANATOLIANS NEED ABUNDANT SPACE AND FREEDOM TO EXERCISE AND PERFORM THE JOB THEY WERE INTENDED TO DO. WHILE THEY ALSO EXCEL AS WONDERFUL GUARDIANS AND COMPANIONS TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, THEY ARE NOT MEANT FOR ALL ENVIRONMENTS. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THEM FOR CITIES, TOWNS, OR URBAN AREAS WITH SMALL YARDS, APARTMENTS OR CONDOS UNLESS YOU CAN GIVE THEM THE EXERCISE AND MENTAL STIMULATION THAT THEY REQUIRE.**

## **Anatolian Puppy Placement Questionnaire**

At Ewawki River, our mission is raising happy, healthy livestock guardian dogs with stable and confident temperaments as well as matching each owner with just the right guardian dog for them and their livestock.

The following questions are being asked to give us some insight into what your needs are so that we can match the right puppy with the right owner; keeping the character, ability and temperament of the puppy in mind, as well as the desires and needs of the new owner. The more information we have, the better we will understand your expectations.

Please feel free to add any additional comments at the end. Completion of this questionnaire does not guarantee that a puppy will be available for you. Puppy personalities and abilities are matched with each prospective owner's lifestyle and needs, along with what the new owner has told us that they are looking for in a puppy - with temperament, conformation and instinct testing being the final determining factor.

I hope you will agree that the puppy's welfare must be my foremost consideration when deciding on a placement. Please answer the following questions as completely as you can. Thank you!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, please list their ages, or list "NONE" \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care? \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of area do you live in?  Rural  Suburban  City

Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your goals for this puppy? (Please check all that apply)

Livestock Guardian  Family Pet  Show Potential

Property Guardian  Breeding Prospect  Other

If your Anatolian Shepherd is NOT intended to be a livestock guardian dog, why do you want a guarding breed rather than a companion breed (like a Golden Retriever or Boxer)?

Why a LGD instead of another guard dog breed (like a German Shepherd or a Doberman)?

Why an Anatolian Shepherd versus another LGD breed (like a Great Pyrenees or a Maremma)?

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Have you ever been around an adult Anatolian Shepherd in person? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Anatolian Shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever owned a Livestock Guardian Dog before (of any breed)? If yes, what breed(s)?

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If your Anatolian will be working as a Livestock Guardian, what species of animal(s) will he/she be guarding? \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you currently have a working Livestock Guardian Dog(s) at your location, please list:**

**Breed(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spayed/Neutered/Intact** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many acres do you have?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Some livestock guardian dogs work best on LARGE territories and would not be suitable for 2 acres, for example. Bear in mind, however, that dogs will sometimes increase the size of the area they guard as they mature if they are not in a securely fenced area.)

**What type of fencing do you have that will be used to contain your puppy (field fence, electro net, barbed wire, panels, etc.)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of predators and predator load do you have? Have you lost any livestock to predation?**

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**What type of shelter will be provided for the puppy?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you and/or your neighbors bothered by barking?**

(Anatolians are primarily livestock guardians. As such, they are more nocturnal than are other breeds. Typically, their first warning to potential predators is a loud, aggressive bark. This cannot be “trained out” of the dog, nor should an anti-bark collar be used. Upon arrival to a new home, it will take an Anatolian about 2 to 3 weeks to adjust to the new sights and sounds. Even after the Anatolian has settled into its new home, it will bark, if a threat is perceived. Our dogs at Ewawki River DO NOT bark excessively nor do they bark throughout the night; however, we cannot guarantee that a puppy will act similarly.)

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**Are you willing to stay in contact and keep me informed of your puppy's progress with regular updates and photos, as well as discuss any health and training issues?**

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What gender of puppy do you prefer?  Male  Female

Are you interested in limited or full AKC registration?  Limited  Full

All puppies are sold with a purchase contract. Full AKC registration with breeding rights will be to approved homes only. Limited AKC registered puppies will be sold with a spay/neuter contract in addition to the purchase agreement.

**Veterinary Reference:**

Name & Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Additional Personal References that you have known at least 10 years:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to us.  
Thank you for considering an Ewawki River Anatolian Shepherd Dog!**

**A NOTE ABOUT TRAINING:**

**Puppy socialization and obedience are absolutely necessary with Guardian, Companion, or Family dogs. We also recommend socialization of the working livestock guardian dog to humans with hands-on instruction in the pasture and around livestock. It is important to be able to handle your livestock guardian for training purposes, veterinary visits, pasture checks, and monitoring the well-being of the dog. In addition, do not expect an Anatolian to excel in obedience, as 6,000+ years of working independently from human intervention has created the extremely independent and strong-willed Anatolian breed that we have come to love so much!**

**Please let us know if you have questions on training a working Anatolian puppy! There are several online sources available and training support groups that we can direct you to.**