



## Questionnaire for Prospective Puppy Buyers

*Thank you for inquiring about Elvbend Elkhounds. We are dedicated breed fanciers who participate in various arenas of competition. We breed occasionally to produce what we believe to be quality Norwegian Elkhounds that conform to the breed standard, are intelligent, and able to do what the Elkhound was originally bred to do. We also strive to produce physically and temperamentally sound dogs.*

*Through competition and membership in both local and national clubs, we are exposed to other points of view, educational programs, and updated rules and regulations. More importantly, we have an opportunity to share concerns, information, and ideas with other concerned and knowledgeable dog people.*

*Elvbend makes sure our puppies, or any that we refer, are going to loving, committed homes. We do our best to screen new owners to ensure a good match between puppy and buyer. All litters are temperament tested using a Puppy Aptitude Test. As much as possible, we attempt to evaluate the personality of puppies by observing them during their development. We then attempt to match the puppy to the new owner to produce the best fit of puppy and family. For this reason, you may not be allowed to pick your puppy from an entire litter. After an extensive inquiry into your lifestyle and home arrangements, you may be given two or three puppies to choose from. We do this to insure the likelihood of a fulfilling and rewarding relationship with your new puppy. We do reserve the right to refuse purchase if we feel that you and an Elkhound are not an appropriate match.*

*Before any puppy leaves our home, it has been well cared for and socialized. However, a puppy does not go to its new owner as a trained, well-mannered, finished product. It is up to the puppy buyer to complete the job we have started. The new owner is responsible for the further development of the puppy's personality, through structured discipline, training, guidance, and love. In an effort to ensure that our puppies develop into the treasured adult dogs they are capable of becoming, we ask new owners to commit to taking their new puppy to at least one full session of puppy socialization classes offered locally.*

*All of our pet/companion puppies are sold on a Limited Registration, which means that your pet may not be bred. We request that these puppies are spayed or neutered. Show/Showable puppies will be placed with Full Registration, whether purchased on a co-ownership or a full ownership contract.*

*The purchase price of your Elvbend Elkhound (**\$1000**) includes the following:*

- A five-generation pedigree*
- Full or Limited AKC Registration application*
- Complete medical history, including birth record, and vaccination and worming information*
- Microchip implantation*
- Membership application for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America*

Your Name (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address (city, state, zip) (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/number (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

You/spouse occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? Please list their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: Do you \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_ rent

Is your home: \_\_\_\_\_ rural/farm/acreage \_\_\_\_\_ house with yard

\_\_\_\_\_ apartment/condo \_\_\_\_\_ mobile home

If you rent, does your rental/lease agreement allow pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide a copy or a letter from your landlord allowing a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord name/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find us? (Referral, breeders directory, vet recommendation, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone in the family have allergies to pet dander or pet hair? Asthma? \_\_\_\_\_

In the past 5 years, what other types of pets have you had? Please list type and sex, and if they are no longer with you, the reasons why: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have other pets? If so, please list type and sex, if they are spayed or neutered, and how long they have been with you: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a Norwegian Elkhound before? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you haven't owned a Norwegian Elkhound before, what other breed of dog have you owned? (If you haven't owned a dog before, please state.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you spoken with any other Norwegian Elkhound breeders or owners? If yes, please list them.

Are you currently on the waiting list for any other litters? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How long are you willing to wait to obtain an Elkhound? \_\_\_\_\_

What sex are you interested in? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Age preference? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to consider a rescued Elkhound? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

For what purpose(s) are you interested in a Norwegian Elkhound?

\_\_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_\_ Performance (agility, obedience, tracking, etc)

\_\_\_\_\_ Show ring \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Therapy dog

\_\_\_\_\_ For children \_\_\_\_\_ Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ Other

What led you or drew you toward Elkhounds? \_\_\_\_\_

If a show puppy, would you be willing to accept a co-ownership, at Elvbend's discretion? \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a show puppy, do you have any references? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have other show dogs, please list from whom they were purchased. \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a show puppy, will you be showing yourself, or hiring someone to show for you? Would you like breeder assistance in showing? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a show puppy, do you foresee a problem with adhering to our spay/neuter requirement? If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Size of fenced area and type of fencing: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how will you provide security for your puppy when it's outside or when you're away? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you provide adequate exercise for your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will this puppy be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this puppy spend the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this puppy spend the evening? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this puppy sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this puppy be staked outside on a line? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to crate train? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day will the puppy spend in the crate? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to attend group-training classes with this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How long each day do you plan to spend with this dog (walks, training, playing, socializing)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of this puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Do all family members agree on the addition of a Norwegian Elkhound to the family? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, who is not in favor of getting a Norwegian Elkhound and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name, address, and phone number of your vet. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to provide regular veterinary care, at your expense, throughout the puppy's lifetime, including all annual shots, heartworm preventive, and dewormer? Do you agree to keep your Elkhound in proper health and weight?

Have you ever given up a dog to a shelter or pound? If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of personality do you feel would be best suited for your family? \_\_\_\_\_

What leisure activities is your family involved with? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any Norwegian Elkhound or other dog clubs? If so, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you know about Norwegian Elkhounds? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us any other information you think will help us get to know you and your needs with respect to placing a puppy most suited to your family/lifestyle: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of socialization and training do you plan for your puppy/dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If you must travel, what do you plan to do with your dog/puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to own a Norwegian Elkhound? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We do not ship puppies. Are you willing to travel to pick up your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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In addition to the purchase price, can you afford to care for the Elkhound throughout its lifetime, which may be as long as 15 years? What do you believe the typical costs regarding care, feeding, and training for a typical Elkhound run per month? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that if Elvbend places an Elkhound with you, the puppy/dog will be solely your responsibility for the remainder of its life? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that NO dog placed or referred by Elvbend can be placed in a pet shelter? In order to obtain a puppy through Elvbend, you must agree to that you will never place the dog/puppy in a shelter; that if you are unable or unwilling to keep the puppy, you will immediately notify Elvbend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to maintain a current address/phone with Elvbend (notify us if you move)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two references (name, address, phone). One may be your veterinarian.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Any dog placed by Elvbend shall be maintained in a home atmosphere. Adequate food, water, shelter, training, affection, and medical care will be provided by the new owner. It is the prospective owner's responsibility to see and evaluate the dog before adopting it. Elvbend Elkhounds is in no way liable or responsible for any damages, accident, or injury resulting from placing a dog in the prospective buyer's household.

Completion of this application does not guarantee placement of an Elkhound. This application is designed to determine the proper fit of an Elkhound in the home. Elvbend reserves the right to refuse placement if such placement is deemed inappropriate. Contract of sale will be issued in the event of an approved puppy purchase. Failure to comply with terms of adoption information and contract will result in the return of the dog to Elvbend without refund to the purchaser.

All information contained herein is true, and misrepresentation of the facts herein may result in loss of privilege to obtain a dog through Elvbend Elkhounds.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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