

Buyers Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in purchasing a Double T pup! The following questionnaire is designed to help us get better acquainted and assist us to determine if one of our Aussies is the right choice for you. It is important to be as honest in your answers as possible. Add additional sheets if necessary. Please contact us if you have questions or need more information. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Double T Mini Aussies at doubletminiaussies@gmail.com. Thank you! We look forward to finding you the perfect new family member!

1. Contact Information

Legal Name _____

Mailing and physical address: _____

Email address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

2. How did you hear about Double T Mini Aussies? (i.e. Facebook, referral, etc.) _____

3. Why are you interested in a Miniature Australian Shepherd? _____

4. Do you live in a(n) House _____ Apartment/Condo _____ Townhouse _____ Other _____

5. Is your home: Owned, by you or your spouse/life partner ___ Owned, by someone else in the house _____
Rented directly from the owner or through a management company _____ Rented as a part of a group of
roommates _____ Other: _____

If renting, is your name on the lease? _____ Do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? _____

Landlord's name and phone: _____

6. When are you looking to purchase? _____

7. Do you prefer: Male _____ Female _____ Size _____

Age Preference: 2-5 mos _____ 6-12 mos _____ Young Adult _____ Retired Adult _____

What are your color preferences? Check all that apply:

Body Color: Black Tri _____ Red Tri _____ Copper (more/less) _____

Blue Merle _____ Red Merle _____ White (more/less) _____

Eye Color: Blue _____ Brown _____ Marbled _____ Amber _____ No Preference _____

8. How many dogs have you owned in the last 5 years? _____ Where are those dogs now? _____

9. Do you have experience with Australian Shepherds? If so, tell me about your experience _____

10. What kind of temperament are you looking for in your Aussie? Mark all that apply

Affectionate ___ Dominant ___ Calm ___ Cautious ___ Confident ___ Independent ___

Passive ___ Reserved ___ Timid ___ Velcro ___ Herding Instinct ___ High Drive ___

Other _____

11. What do you have planned for your Aussie? Mark all that apply

Pet/companion ___ Service/therapy ___ Breeding ___ Search & Rescue ___ Farm/Ranch ___

Competition: Herding ___ Agility ___ Obedience ___ Conformation ___

Tracking/Nose work ___ 4-H ___ Dock diving ___ Rally ___ Other _____

12. Do you have a fenced yard? Type of fence and height _____

What is your plan to keep your Aussie safe and protected when outside? _____

Will you use a crate? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please describe how _____

13. How will you exercise your dog and how often? _____

14. Do you have any experience, or have you read any books on raising a puppy or training herding dogs?

Yes ___ No ___ Do you plan to take your puppy to obedience classes? Yes ___ No ___

15. How would you discipline your dog if he or she misbehaved/ chewed household items? _____

16. Are there other dogs, cats or other animals in your home? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what species, breed(s), ages, and number of each? _____

17. How many hours will your dog be left alone each day? _____

Where will your dog spend most of his/her day when you are home? _____

Where will your dog stay during the day when you are not at home? _____

Where do, or will, your dog(s) sleep at night? _____

18. Do you have children who live in the home or visit frequently? Yes ___ No ___

How many and what ages? _____

19. Please tell me about any events in your life that may be pertinent or affect a new puppy coming into the household _____
20. Tell us about your family's lifestyle, activities, hobbies, etc. _____

21. Dogs are an investment of your time and money. Can you afford to provide veterinary care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, exercise and training for your new dog? _____ Do you have a plan for emergency expenses?

Will you continue to socialize your new dog? _____ How? _____
What steps will you take if your new dog begins to develop anti-social or behavioral issues? _____

22. If you purchase a puppy with a limited registration, Pet/Companion only, you will be required to spay/neuter the dog as stated in the contract. Do you agree to fulfill this requirement? Yes _____ No _____
23. If you are interested in breeding this dog, what are your reasons for breeding? _____

24. As a breeder, I put my heart and soul into the puppies I raise. I love and care for them deeply and that doesn't end when they leave our home and begin their lives with you. I ask that all Double T puppy/dog owners join the Double T Mini Aussie Family group on FaceBook and share pics, updates, bragging rights, etc. We celebrate litter birthdays and owners of littermates love to keep up with siblings as well. For me, it's like getting pics and updates of the grandkids! In addition to the emotional side of it, as a breeder, it's crucial for us to be aware of how pups grow, develop, physical and temperament characteristics, issues, etc. for constant evaluation of our breeding program. These details are imperative to be sure our program is on the right track! It's important to keep us advised of any changes of address or contact information. Your pup will be microchipped with lifetime chip registration. Keeping that information current is vitally important in getting your pup reunited with you should he ever get separated or lost. Do you agree to communicate with pics and updates on the pup a couple times a year at minimum and notify me of any changes in contact info? If you're not on FaceBook, Instagram or direct contact is perfectly acceptable!
25. It is vitally important to us to have our dogs placed in a loving home that best suits them, where they will be happy and fulfill their potential. Our contract states that a Double T dog is to NEVER be surrendered to a shelter or rescue facility of any kind, and we have first right of refusal. If for any reason you could no longer keep the Double T dog that we place with you, do you agree to personally contact us immediately? _____
26. What life circumstances/events might force you to give up your dog? (move, new baby)

27. Does everyone who lives in the household approve of getting a new dog/puppy? _____
Will they participate in the care/training of the dog/puppy? _____

28. Please provide your Veterinarian's contact information. Please give them permission to release info.

Clinic Name _____ Phone _____

Veterinarian's Name _____

When was the last time you visited your Veterinarian and why? _____

29. Please provide the names and phone numbers of 2 personal references who are not members of your immediate family, and notify them that I will be contacting them.

Personal reference #1: _____ phone: _____

Relationship: _____ years known: _____

Personal reference #2: _____ phone: _____

Relationship: _____ years known: _____

You may have applied for, or requested a particular pup based solely on appearances. My priority is to make the best possible match for each pup based on the pup's temperament and personality. I will do my best to match you to the pup that best fits your family and lifestyle, while satisfying as many of your preferences as possible. Placing a deposit does not guarantee you will be matched with the pup initially indicated on your application. Do you understand and agree that I may notify you that your initial choice is not the appropriate match and re-direct you to another pup that is a better fit for you? _____

We love Aussies, but they have characteristics and requirements that some may find difficult to manage. We are here to educate, support and assist in any way we can. We want to help you make an educated decision as to whether adding an Aussie to your family is the right thing for you. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can assist you! We are here to support you for the lifetime of your pup and beyond!

The Australian Shepherd is a medium size, active breed which sheds its coat biannually. They will do fine with weekly brushing, professional grooming monthly (deshed and outline trim only), and should NEVER be shaved. They are curious and need to remain mentally active and involved with their family in order to maintain a solid temperament. Aussies will show guardian behavior, including barking to alert for changes in the environment. Because they are a herding breed, they can chase and nip at the heels of young children as well as other animals and moving objects. Prolonged confinement and neglect can produce aggression in this breed. They can be a sensitive dog and do not respond well to hard handling and/or loud reprimanding. Positive reinforcement methods, regular training and socialization as well as a structured, loving home life are best for the Australian Shepherd.

If you are ready to embark on the challenging, yet truly rewarding experience of living with this amazing breed, please complete the questionnaire, send it to us, and we will do our best to find you the best match possible for your family! We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

Sincerely,

Terri Hinkle
Double T Mini Aussies