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PUPPY QUESTIONNAIRE AND DEPOSIT FORM

Thank you for your interest in adopting/purchasing a Birdsboro Pointer or Spinone puppy. This puppy questionnaire is designed to give us information about you and your family, and what you are looking for in a puppy. We want to match our puppies and owners the best we can. We are hoping that it will be fun for you and your family to fill out together. It is not intended to have right and wrong answers; please be honest and answer the questions to the best of your abilities. It is also designed to get you thinking about everything involved in having a puppy. If you haven't thought about some of these questions, that is okay... we are hoping this will be thought provoking. Also, please feel free to use as much (or as little) space as you need to answer the questions.

DIRECTIONS

Please print and fill out the information form below. If you have any questions, feel free to write them down on this form, or contact us by phone or email. At the end, we also have you rank your color and gender preferences and explain our policy of matching puppies. Make sure that you understand this, and ask us to clarify anything if needed. Then, mail in this form with your deposit included. **It is important to note that we do not do a "pick order". However, whether or not you get a puppy will be determined by the order deposits are received.**

YOUR INFO

Names of Adults in Family: _____

Names and Ages of Kids in Family: _____

Other Members of Household: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email addresses: _____

PUPPY QUESTIONNAIRE

How did you first get interested in a Pointer or Spinone? Why did you decide this is the breed you want?

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Dog experience: Do you have any dogs now? Are they altered (spayed/neutered) or intact? Have you or your family ever owned any other dogs before? How long ago? What breed or breeds? Did you raise them from a puppy or get them at an older age? If you no longer have those dogs, what happened to them? Have you ever had to rehome a pet? For what reasons? What happened to the pet?

Other pets: What other animals live in the household?

Puppy personality: Do you have a preference on puppy personality? If so let us know what you are looking for. Are there other dogs in your household with a personality that will impact the puppy choice (for example do you own a dominant male dog and so would like a female dog or a more submissive male dog)?

Lifestyle: Where would the new puppy sleep? Where would it spend the day? As an older dog where would it sleep? Where would it spend the day? What family activities would the dog be participating in (example - being a couch potato, hiking, going to kids' soccer games, etc)?

Exercise: Do you have a yard? How big is it? Is it completely fenced (and if so, what type of fencing and how high is it)? If not, where and how would the dog exercise? How would the dog go the bathroom? Do you plan to let your dog off-leash? If so where? Are there any dog parks or state land/game areas in your area?

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Crating/At home alone: Have you ever crate trained a dog? Do you plan to crate train this puppy? If you are interested in doing it, but never have, we'd be happy to go over it with you. If you do not plan on crate training, let us know how you plan to keep your puppy or dog while you are not home. How long would the puppy be left at home during the day? Would anyone be able to let the puppy out if you work long hours?

Veterinary Care: Do you plan to vaccinate your dog and keep them on heartworm prevention? Would you be able and willing to pay for a \$500 or \$2000 procedure?

Breeder relationship: Would you be willing to sign a contract committing to returning the dog to the breeder if for any reason and at any time (even years later) you were unable to keep it? Would you agree to stay in touch with the breeder for the life of the dog? We also ask that you sign a puppy contract (there is a contract for pet homes and a slightly different contract for show/performance homes that plan to keep their puppies intact/unaltered). Are you willing to do this?

How did you find out about Birdsboro?

Any other questions?

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PLANS FOR YOUR PUPPY

Are you looking for a companion? A hunting dog? A show dog? Something else (tracking, therapy, agility, etc)?

Are you planning to spay/neuter your puppy? Do you want to breed your puppy? Sometimes we have a lovely male in the litter that we would love to go to his own companion home, but stay intact and have the potential to be part of our breeding program in the future... would you be interested in this? If so, we can give you more details.

COLOR AND GENDER PREFERENCES

We ask that you be as flexible as possible with your preferences as we have had huge variations in litters in the past in both color and gender in spite of statistics for what we were expecting. For example, we have had two all male litters. Further, one of these litters was a Pointer litter and they were all solid in color, when we had expected only half of the litter to be. Remember that in the grand scheme of things, that color and gender are minor in comparison to getting a healthy dog with a good temperament that will fit into your family well.

Please note that we cannot/do not guarantee color or gender preferences when accepting deposits!!!

Gender preference:

Male Female No Preference

Color preference:

For Spinoni... Brown Roan White/Orange and White No Preference

For Pointers... feel free to rank them in number order, or simply check off any colors you would prefer.

Black&White Orange&White Liver&White Lemon&White

Solid Black Solid Orange Solid Liver Solid Lemon

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REFERENCES

Please list three references with their email addresses or phone #s and the name and phone # of your veterinarian, if any. We do not need mailing addresses.

Personal Reference #1:

Personal Reference #2:

Personal Reference #3:

Veterinarian Reference:

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Please mail this questionnaire in with a \$500 check as your puppy deposit. If we think that we could match you with a puppy that would be a good fit for your family, Birdsboro will cash your deposit, and that will be applied towards the price of your puppy. If for any reason we do not feel you would be a good fit for a puppy, we will contact you to let you know why, and let you know that we will not be cashing your deposit check.

If a puppy is born that and is available for you, we will not refund your deposit if you choose not to get a puppy from us at that point in time. The deposit is basically our way of making sure that you are committed to a puppy, so that all of the puppies will have homes when they are ready to go at 9-10 weeks of age.

Birdsboro Spinone puppies cost \$2000, so that will mean there will be a remaining \$1500 balance to pay when you pick up your puppy (or prior to having it flown). Birdsboro Pointer puppies cost \$1200, so you will have a \$700 balance. Are you comfortable with the puppy price and these arrangements?

Yes ___ No ___ (please note, we cannot process your deposit if you check No)

PICKING UP YOUR PUPPY

Are you able to pick up your puppy from us or do you want your puppy flown? If you are planning on flying your puppy, that cost will be in addition to the purchase price, and is typically about \$75 for a crate and \$350 for a flight. We will not charge you for a health certificate. We will be happy to make flight arrangements for you and purchase a crate on our end. Please let us know which airport(s) you are able to pick a puppy up from – please note, we need major airports.

Plan to pick up my puppy ___ My puppy needs to be flown to this airport _____

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OUR POLICY ON MATCHING PUPPIES

After our puppies are a few days old, and we know everyone is looking healthy... we contact families to let them know that they will be getting a puppy. If we do not have a puppy for you, we can refund your deposit or hold onto it for our next litter, whichever you prefer.

We match our puppies as best we can to our waiting and approved families. The puppies are raised in our home, get plenty of time to play outside, and are socialized with other dogs, cats, kids, etc. At eight weeks, we evaluate the puppies for the final time. At that time, we will match puppies based on their conformation (looks), hunting abilities, and temperaments as best we can to families. We look at color and gender preferences at this time. And, of course, this is the time where we ask families to rank their preferences. Local families are welcome to visit with puppies. Families that are too far away to visit can rank their preferences based on the many pictures we post, and we can also fill you in on any notable personality traits. Keep in mind that in most litters, most of the puppies have a middle of the road temperament. But, occasionally we have a puppy that falls out of the norm... for example a very laid back puppy, or a very adventurous puppy. We want to match these outlyer puppies in particular in homes that they will thrive in. An adventurous puppy will make a phenomenal hunting buddy, but he may not be the best choice for a first time dog family. It is worth noting that historically families have all been thrilled with the puppy they have been matched with. And even though it's a complicated process, it always seems to work out and the puppies end up in exactly the family they are supposed to.

Because we place puppies in this way, we do not do a “pick order” as far as families go. However, whether or not you get a puppy will be determined by the order deposits are received. We feel it is the best way to make everyone happy, and do the best by our puppies. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to clarify it for you, just let us know.

PUPPY UPDATES AND PICKING UP YOUR PUPPY

We post frequent updates and pictures of our litters on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view these. We update our website as well, but Facebook tends to be the most up to date since it is so simple to upload pictures from our phones.

You are welcome to visit your puppy. Please just let us know when you would like to visit, and we can make sure we can accomodate you.

Our philosophy as breeders is that we are always available to help with our knowledge of the breed, as well as behavior/training and veterinary questions. But we do not require you to follow specific vaccine protocols or diet recommendations.

We feed Canidae All Life Stages food. You can go to www.canidae.com to see where it is sold near you. We recommend all of our puppies continue to eat this for at least the first month they are home. If at that time, you would like to gradually transition them to a new food, you can do so over a couple weeks. There are just so many changes when coming home, that we don't want a diet change to be added to all of that.

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We will send your puppy home with a collar, and a small blanket and/or toy that smells like their siblings. As far as crate size, we recommend getting a crate that is at least 30 inches high if you would like it to be their adult crate. Plastic or wire crates are both acceptable.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Also, please visit our site www.birdsborodogs.com to meet our dogs and learn more about us. Please be sure to ask us any questions you may have as well. If you have any now, feel free to ask here.