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# **Athill Adoption Questionnaire**

# Some of the questions listed below may be optional, they are marked with a \*

# **Please Note: As a breeder, my first and foremost concern is acquiring responsible caring homes for any puppies that result from my breeding program.  Just as you will have many questions for me, I will have many for you.  I do not ask these questions to pry into your personal life nor do I expect perfection in your home.  This harmless questionnaire is simply to help me as an expert place the appropriate pup into the appropriate home.**

# ***Tell us a bit about yourself:***

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First Name

Last Name

Address

City

Province/State

Postal Code

Phone number

E-mail address

**1) *Shelties are a beautiful long coated, medium sized working dog, they make wonderful companions and have many great attributes but are not for everyone.***

**Can you tell us why have you decided you might like to add a puppy or adult sheltie to your family?**

**2) What breeds of dogs have you owned in the past?**

**3) Please let us know if you still have them and if not, why not?**

**4) Do you have any photos you might be able to provide of them? If so we would love to see them!**

**5) What research have you done on the breed to help you determine the suitability of a sheltie as your future companion? *( Q's 5 & 6 : For persons applying that are new to this breed)***

**6) Have you ever met a shetland sheepdog before? What did you like about the dog in particular?**

**7) Do you currently own a dog(s) ages and temperaments? Are they spayed or neutered?**

**8) Do you currently a cat(s) or other pets? ages and temperaments? Are they spayed or neutered?**

**9) (If you currently own an older dog or cat(s), Has your current pet been raised or exposed to a medium breed puppy before? How do you think they might react?**

**10) If your previous or current dog is a sheltie or purebred breed could you please provide us with the name of the breeder or kennel you obtained him or her from?**

**11) Have you ever had to put a dog to sleep (euthanized), given away or surrendered to a shelter, rescue or pound? If yes, please explain the reasons:**

**12) What are the main reasons for purchasing a puppy? (please answer YES or an X beside all that apply)**

Family Companion

Show Dog

Breeding Prospects

Obedience/Agility/Rally-O Competition

Stock Work

Pet Therapy

**13) Are you aware that the puppy/adult will be sold on a Non-Breeding Agreement as set out in our Agreement of Sale Contract?**

**14) How much do you expect to pay for a puppy (or an adult sheltie)?**

**15) What problems (health, training, behavior, etc.) have you had with previous dogs? And actions did you take to remedy/modify these problems?**

**16) Please list any training centers that you have attended in the past and levels completed.**

**17) Do you plan to attend a puppy kindergarten, or basic obedience class with your new sheltie puppy?**

**18) What type of daily exercise do you plan to provide for your new puppy/adult sheltie?**

**19) Are you willing to follow the health guidelines supplied by *Athill Shetland Sheepdogs* regarding shots, exercise, feeding, etc...?**

***Please describe your home & family by answering the questions below.***

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**1) Number and ages of children in your household:**

**2) Are all the members of your family in agreement/committed on getting a dog/puppy?**

**3) Do any members of your family have any types of allergies to dogs?**

**4) Do you own or rent your home? How long have you lived at this address?**

**5) We do home checks whenever possible before placing our pups, are you willing to allow us to visit your home?**

**6) If you rent have you checked with your landlord about getting a pet?** **Will you be able to provide proof of authorization from your landlord?**

**7) Is your yard completely fenced? What are the measurements of your yard?**

**8) We do not sell to homes that do not have a fenced or secure enclosure for their new puppy, if your yard is not completely fenced would you be willing to do so before bringing home a new puppy/dog or build a secure run for the puppy/dog to be in when not being safely supervised?**

**10) Do you have a swimming pool or pond? Is it securely fenced?**

**11) How will you be housing your new sheltie?**

**Indoors at all times**

**Outdoors at all times**

**Indoors at night, outside during the day**

**12) How many hours per day will this puppy or dog be left alone.**

**13) Where would the puppy or dog be housed during the day if no one is home (loose in the house, crated, outdoor kennel, yard, tethered, confined to a specific room)?**

**14) Where will the puppy or dog sleep at night (loose in the house, crated, outdoor kennel, yard, confined to a specific room)?**

**15) Do you have a veterinarian? Please provide his/her name for a required reference check.**

**16) When this sheltie is purchased as a family companion and is not going to be bred, do you agree to have it spayed/neutered at approximately 9 months of age? Will you be willing to submit a veterinarian certificate as proof of surgery for our records?**

**17) Have you ever bred a dog/dogs before?**

**18) Please list two other references (obedience trainer, other breeder, or other person who can verify the suitability of your home for one of our shelties)**

**19) Are you willing to stay in regular contact with *Athill Shetland Sheepdogs* for the life of the dog and provide yearly updates and photos?**

**20) How do you plan to get the puppy/adult to you? (pick up, ship, etc**)

***Please tell us about your ideal sheltie puppy: From looks, to temperament.***

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**Sex: Male Female**

**Color: Sable Tri color (Black White & Tan) Blue Merle Bi Black Bi Blue Sable Merle Color Headed White (please list the head color)**

**Head Color:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ideal Size: Tiny (12-13") Small (13"-14") Medium(14-15")(most correct) Large(16+)**

**Please describe your ideal sheltie's temperament: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Any other notes on the look or characteristics you might find ideal for your family:**

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Please include any additional information which you feel may better help us to decide the suitability of your home and family for the adoption of one of our shelties.

PLEASE copy and paste this questionnaire into an email and send to **leeannkz@hotmail.com** please put as much information into this questionnaire as possible.

Please feel free to ask us anything about ourselves, our home, and our current dogs!

***Thank you for taking the time to answer some of our questions!***