

# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE PUPPY BUYERS

Copy and paste this questionnaire into an e-mail message, then fill in your responses, and send to [vanisleappenzellers@gmail.com](mailto:vanisleappenzellers@gmail.com)

The answers you provide in this questionnaire are vital in assisting us to match your home with the right puppy. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. Some of the questions may seem personal; however, candor and honesty are very important—remember, this is a huge commitment for the lifetime of this very special dog- 12-15 years. Your information will be kept confidential.

## **PROSPECTIVE BUYER INFORMATION**

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Home Phone:*

*Work Phone:*

*Cell Phone:*

*E-mail address:*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Why do you want a dog?

Are you acquiring a dog for yourself or for someone else?

If you are married, how does your spouse feel about the addition of an Appenzeller?

Do you have children living with you or visiting regularly? If yes, please note gender and ages.

How do they feel about the addition of an Appenzeller?

Are you prepared to teach any resident or visiting children the proper way to conduct themselves around dogs?

Who in your family will be primarily responsible for:

daily care of the dog-

clean up-

training-

exercise-

vet and food bills-

How would you describe your household activity level?

Very quiet

Rather easygoing

Usually something going on

Lots of activity

How did you learn about Appenzellers?

Why do you want an Appenzeller?

What is your level of experience with Working/Cattle dogs?

Have you considered other breeds? If yes, what breed(s) and why?

For each dog you currently own, please list the following:

Name -

Breed or mix -

Sex -

Age -

Is pet spayed or neutered?

For each dog you have owned in the past 10 years, please list the following:

Name -

Breed or mix -

Sex -

Age -

Was pet spayed or neutered? -

Why do you no longer own the animal?

(If deceased, please give age at death and cause of death.)

Do you have other pets? If yes, please list.

Do you subscribe to, or regularly read, any dog magazines? If yes, please list.

Have you read any dog health or training books? If yes, please list, and describe your general thoughts about these books?

Have you or anyone in your household ever been charged with animal cruelty or had any animal taken away from you or any member of your household for suspicion of animal cruelty? If yes, please explain.

Have you or any person in your household ever been suspended privileges by the American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, or any other such club? If yes, please explain.

### **LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Do you live in:

*apartment*

*house*

*mobile home*

*condo*

*other (describe)*

In which type of area is your home located?

*urban*

*suburban*

*rural*

Are there any dog restrictions or laws in your area?

Have you checked into local ordinances in your area pertaining to owning/housing an animal (e.g., leash laws, required vaccinations, dog licenses, etc.)?

Are you willing to comply?

Do you own your home or are you renting?

NOTE: If you rent, a signed letter from your landlord stating that dogs are permitted on his/her property must be received before a puppy will be placed with you. The Breeder reserves the right to contact the landlord before placing any puppy.

Please provide your landlord's contact information:

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

Where will the dog spend most of its time?

Where will the dog be when you are away?

Please describe your work situation and how it will affect your puppy.

Would he/she be left alone during the day and if so, for how long? How long each day will the dog be alone?

Where will the dog be when you are at home?

Where will the dog sleep?

Have you ever used a crate in housetraining a puppy or dog?

Do you intend to use a crate for this dog?

What will you do with the dog when you go on a vacation trip?

In the event of emergency (e.g., hospitalization, natural disaster, etc.), who would take care of your dog?

If you have to be away from home for a few days and are unable to take the dog, what arrangements will you make to provide for its care?

When you travel with the dog, where will he/she ride?

How do you envision a dog fitting into your home (schedule, indoor/outdoor activities, exercise, etc.)?

Do you have a fenced yard? If yes, size of yard, type and height of fencing.

If no, please explain what arrangements you will provide for housebreaking and for safe and adequate exercise.

If you were to move, what would happen to your dog?

## **YOUR INTERESTS/GOALS**

Are you interested in a puppy, an older pup, or an adult dog?

Do you prefer a male or female?

Please describe any physical attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

Do you prefer a pet/companion dog or a show/performance dog?

Are you prepared to spay/neuter your dog, or are you interested in breeding?

If you plan to breed a show quality puppy, do you agree to obtain OFA Normal hip and elbow clearances prior to using the dog/bitch for breeding?

What are your goals for your dog?

Breeding	Conformation/Showing	Obedience
Rally		
Agility	Flyball	Therapy
Dog	Assistance	
Dog Herding	Tracking	SAR
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Other (specify)		

What do you expect of your Appenzeller?

Please describe any character attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

What do you expect of your dog's breeder?

## **GROOMING, EXERCISE, AND TRAINING**

Are you aware of the grooming requirements of the Appenzeller?

Are you prepared to spend the required time grooming your Appenzeller?

In addition to the normal routine at home, what activities will your Appenzeller have?

*Walk routinely with a family member*

*Go to classes*

*Compete in dog shows or performance events*

*Go to your place of business with you*

*Travel with you*  
*Be a playmate for your children or pets*  
*Other (specify)*

Have you ever trained a dog? Attended training class? If yes, please describe how you trained and what commands were taught.

Are you aware of the demanding SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING requirements of the Appenzeller?

Are you prepared to spend time SOCIALIZING AND TRAINING your Appenzeller?

How do you intend to obedience train your Appenzeller?  
On your own?  
With a club/trainer?

Do you belong to any dog or dog sports club(s)? If yes, please list.

Have you ever experienced any behavior problems with past or present pet? If yes, how did you handle those problems?

### **OTHER**

Are you prepared for the responsibility of caring for this dog for its entire life (10-16 years)?

Please add any additional information or thoughts that you feel would help me to understand you as a potential Appenzeller owner and the home you can offer the dog.

What questions do you have for me?

### **VETERINARIAN INFORMATION / REFERENCES**

If you have a veterinarian, please provide contact information below

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

Please supply two references (dog trainers, Appenzeller owners, friends,

neighbors, etc.—not including immediate family) who know you well enough to recommend you as a good dog owner.

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

*Relationship to you:*

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

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By signing this questionnaire, I affirm that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge. (If you are submitting this form via e-mail, please type your name in the signature line. I will require a signed copy before placing a puppy.)

Name:

Signature:

Date: