

Timeless Keeshonden

Puppy Buyer Questionnaire



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This questionnaire has been developed through much research and years of dealing with puppy buyers and Keeshond Rescue. Please do not be offended by the questions. It is better for both the puppy and the potential new family if you know ahead of time what you are getting into. Most of the questions are not specific to Keeshonden, but would concern responsible dog ownership in general.

We will be available and willing to help and answer questions throughout the lifetime of your Kees. We will explain schedules, crate training, house training, proper grooming, suggested reading materials, feeding, training and other guidance. When you get a puppy from us, you become part of our “extended family”.

1. Why do you want a Keeshond?
2. Have you seen an adult Keeshond?
3. Have you owned a dog? If so, what kind and what happened to it?
4. Do you have children? What are their ages?
5. Whose decision was it to get a dog?
6. Who will be responsible for the care of the puppy?

7. Is someone home during the day? If not, how many hours per day during the week will your puppy be “locked up”?

8. Do you have a fenced yard? If not, explain how you plan to exercise a puppy.

9. Keeshonden have a double coat. They will require weekly brushing. Are you prepared to spend about an hour per week brushing your Keeshond?

10. Keeshond puppies will benefit from training. Are you willing to attend a puppy kindergarten or basic obedience class?

11. Puppies require house training. Keeshond puppies can be stubborn. Successful toilet training requires a regular feeding and toilet schedule. It may take from 2-6 months to accomplish successful house training. Are you prepared to deal with the routine and frustrations?

12. In addition to potty training, puppies must be taught what they can and cannot chew, furniture rules (on or off the furniture, etc.) and other basic behavior training. Do you have the patience to properly train your puppy and develop his house manners?

13. A Keeshond puppy is like a toddler for the first two years of its life. Though generally not hyperactive, they will have plenty of puppy energy during this time. Are you willing to provide your puppy regular exercise to help keep him happy and well adjusted?

14. All dogs require veterinary care from time to time, including routine vaccinations. Dogs will sometimes do things that result in injuries to themselves or illness. Are you willing and do you have the money to spend should such accidents occur?

15. The lifespan of a Keeshond is generally 12 – 15 years. Do you intend to keep this Kees for its lifetime?

16. If your family relocates for any reason, what will happen to this dog?

17. What else should we know about you?

In addition to completing this questionnaire, please provide three references and contact information and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian.

Should you have any questions, feel free to ask us. We want to help you in whatever way we can to make this Keeshond a successful and welcome addition to your family. We love all of our puppies and intend to remain in contact with you. We want to hear all of your problems as well as stories about your Kees and the cute things he/she does.

Owning a puppy or dog is a big responsibility. It is expensive and takes a lot of time, effort and love. It is a serious commitment for the whole family. Well behaved dogs are not born, they are the result of care, attention and training. In return for all these things, your dog will give you a lifetime of devotion, companionship, and loyalty.