

Alpenblick Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

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Please take your time reading and filling out this questionnaire. Your answers will provide valuable information to assure the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog is indeed the right breed for you. Answers to these questions will also help me to match you with the best possible puppy for your family and your lifestyle. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your interest in a puppy from Alpenblick!

Information you should know before completing this application:

- Puppies begin going to their new homes after nine weeks of age.
- All puppies are structurally evaluated and temperament tested at 8 weeks of age. Puppy placements are based on the temperament test, our puppy observations, and discussions with the puppy homes about the household and lifestyle. We reserve the right to match each puppy with their new home to ensure it is a good fit for both, you and the puppy. We do not let puppy homes choose their puppy. Preferences are considered but not guaranteed.
- The price for a pet/companion puppy is \$3,500.
- Pet/ Companion puppies are placed on a non-breeding contract.

Contact Information:

Name(s):

Address:

Phone number(s):

Email Address(es)

Family/ Work Information

1. Names and ages of all family members with whom the puppy will live.
2. If you have children, are they accustomed to being around large, energetic dogs?
3. Do any members of your family have allergies to pets?
4. Does everyone in your family want a Swissy
5. What is your occupation?
6. What does your typical work week look like?
7. What are your plans for the care of your puppy while you are at work?

8. Will someone be available to feed and exercise the puppy during the day?
 - a. If not, will someone take time off work initially to be with the new puppy?
 - b. If yes, for how long?
 - c. If no, will arrangements be made for someone to take care of the puppy partway through the day each work day?

Home Environment

1. What is your home setting? (urban, suburban, rural, other)
2. What kind of home do you live in? (House, apartment, condo/townhome)?
3. Do you have a fenced-in yard? If so, please describe the fence and yard.
 - a. If not, please describe what other arrangements you have for letting your dog out. (leashed, tied, loose, other- please describe)
4. Do you own or rent your home?

5. If you rent your residence:
 - a. Do you have permission of your landlord to own a large and sometimes noisy dog?

 - b. Have you thought about what you would do if your next landlord will not allow you to have a dog? Please explain.

Interest in a Swissy

1. How did you learn about the Swissy?

2. What qualities attract you to the breed?

3. Why do you believe the GSMD is the right breed for you and your family?

4. Do you have knowledge of the breed's history?

5. Have you met an adult Swissy in person?
 - a. If so, please explain.

 - b. If not, would you be willing to meet one before committing to a puppy?

Breed and Health Issues

1. Have you researched the breed and are you familiar with the various health problems with which they can be afflicted?
 - Hip and elbow dysplasia? Yes [] No []
 - Bloat? Yes [] No []
 - Epilepsy? Yes [] No []
 - Osteochondritis dissecand? Yes [] No []
 - Splenic torsion? Yes [] No []
2. Do you have any questions about this?
3. Are you aware that treating a giant breed dog for any health issues can be costly simply due to their size?
4. Do you have a veterinarian that is familiar with giant breed dogs? How close is the nearest emergency clinic?
5. Are you aware that Swissies can take a long time to fully housetrain?
6. Are you aware that the GSMD sheds year round with heavier seasonal shedding?

7. Did you know that Swissies are supposed to be ‘alert and vigilant’, meaning that, when they see something or someone new or strange, they will give a very loud bark?

And that even though their tails may be wagging, their loud bark, coupled with their size, can frighten children and adults.

Pet Experience

1. What kind of pets do you currently own?
 - a. If any, what is their breed and sex? (intact male, neutered male, intact female, spayed female)
2. Please list the pets you have owned in the last 10 years. If you no longer have them, please list the cause/reason.
3. Have you ever rehomed a pet for any reason? If so, please explain.
4. Do you have experience breeding/ showing dogs? If yes, please explain.

Planned Activities/ Interests with your Swissy

1. What activities do you envision doing with your Swissy?

- Family Pet/ Companion
- Show Dog
- Breeding
- Therapy work
- Competetive obedience/Rally
- Agility
- Backpacking/Camping/hiking
- Herding
- Carting
- other

2. How important are markings to you? (very, somewhat, happy with any markings)

3. Do you prefer a male, female, or either? Please explain your gender preference?

4. On a scale from 1-10 what energy level would you wish your Swissy to have?

5. What personality traits are you looking for in your Swissy? What traits would you not want?

Caregiving and Living Arrangements

1. Who will be the primary care taker of the puppy?
2. Where will the dog live most of the time? (indoors, outdoors, crate, kennel...)
3. Where will your puppy sleep and under what conditions? (loose, crated, dog bed, your bed, inside, outside, etc.)
4. Where will your puppy be kept while alone?
5. How many hours per day will the dog be left alone?
6. How will you exercise your Swissy, and how often?
7. Do you have a vehicle that allows for the safe transport of a giant breed dog?

8. GSMD puppies require a great deal of time and commitment toward training and socialization especially through the first year or two of their lives. How do you plan to train and socialize your puppy?

9. Will you be able to feed your puppy 3 or 4 times per day, and your adult dog 2-3 times per day?

Breeder Requirements and/or Requests

1. Will you agree not to spay/neuter your companion until fully grown/ 24 month of age? (Early spay/neuter increases the risk of numerous health issues)

2. Will you commit to this dog for the next 10-12 years?

3. Are you willing to keep in contact with me, as the breeder, for the life of your puppy?

4. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your commitment to this dog at any point in its life, will you agree to return this dog to me?

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire.