

Puppy-Buyer Questionnaire

Please indicate what type of dwelling you live in (e.g., single home, townhouse, or apartment). Does it have a doggy door leading outside?

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

Is your yard fenced? If so, please describe the enclosure (height of fence, material/construction, and so on).

Who will be the puppy's primary caregiver?

Where will the puppy spend the daytime hours?

Will someone be at home with the puppy during the day? If not, what arrangements will be made to feed and exercise him?

On average, how many hours will the puppy be left alone every day? Where will he stay when left alone?

Where will the puppy spend the night?

Do you have a swimming pool? If so, is it fenced?

Do you have children living in the household? If so, what ages are they?

Do all household members agree to the addition of a dog?

Please describe a typical weekday in your household.

Please describe a typical weekend day in your household.

What leisure activities do you engage in frequently that you would like to do with a dog?

Have you ever owned a dog? If so, what breed(s)? What happened to the dog(s) you previously owned?

Have you ever bred a dog and/or raised a litter of puppies?

Have you ever turned in an animal to a shelter or rescue?

Have you ever had a dog hit by a car?

Describe any other animals in your household. (Species? Size? Age? Sex? Spayed or neutered?)

Have the other animals in your household been around a puppy or dog? If so, how did they react?

What is your feeling about crate training?

How do you plan to housetrain this puppy?

Are you willing to attend puppy-socialization and basic obedience classes?

Have you ever attended puppy-socialization or basic obedience classes with a dog you own? If so, what was that experience like for you?

Have you ever participated in a sport or competition for dogs? Would you like to? If so, which one(s)?

How do you feel about the fact that, even though Maltese shed less than other breeds, this dog will still shed some hair?

How much grooming of this dog do you plan to do yourself?

What do you consider to be the ideal activity level of the dog you hope to own?

What do you consider to be the ideal personality of the dog you hope to own?

Why do you want a Maltese dog? Please be very specific.

What gender of dog do you want? Why? Will you agree to spay or neuter?

Are you prepared to make a commitment to this dog for its entire life?