Von Der King Kennels and Training

Puppy Questionnaire 1.5

Thank you for choosing Von Der King Kennel s and Training for your next puppy! We are excited to have this opportunity to provide you a working puppy of the utmost of quality and genetic ability. Although puppy testing and selection is not an exact science, we do our best to select the appropriate puppy for each handler/home. The VDK Puppy Questionnaire is designed to help us better understand your needs and assist us in selecting the appropriate puppy for you. Please understand that by filling out one of these questionnaires does not mean that you will be chosen to receive one of our puppies. However, in order to be considered for one of our puppies you MUST fill out the VDK Puppy Questionnaire.

1. What is your first and last name?

2. What is your age?

3. Where are you located? City and State.

4. How did you hear about us?

5. Are you a first responder? Police, Fire, Military?

6. What is your occupation?

7. Please provide your contact info. Email. Phone.

8. Do you, your spouse, your significant other have any children? Age(s)?

9. Do you plan to have children? If Yes, when?

10. If you have children, have they been exposed to dogs in the past? Were there ever any problems with your children and dogs?

11. Do you own or rent your home?

12. If you rent, will your landlord be willing to sign a statement allowing you to keep a Malinois or Dutch Shepherd in the apartment or house?

13. Does your home have a fenced in yard? Underground Fence?

14. Have you looked into local trainers / training clubs? If yes, who?

15. Have you contacted any local trainers / training clubs? If Yes, who?

16. What breed of puppy are you interested in?

17. Why are you interested in this breed?

18. How much experience do you have with this breed?

19. Are you a member of any breed or competition clubs regional, national, or international? What club(s)?

20. Have you ever held office for any of these clubs? If so, was this office voluntary or elected?

21. Please provide a reference such as a veterinarian, trainer or someone involved heavily in dogs.

22. Have you owned dogs before? Please list any prior dog training experience, titles earned, breeds owned, and what happened to these dogs. Also list any dogs you currently own.

23. What’s your “ideal” goal for the puppy, i.e., SchH/Ring titled, herding, international competitor, police dog, personal protection, therapy dog, obedience, agility, etc.?

24. What’s your “realistic” goal for the puppy?

25. What sort of working drive do you feel would mesh with your personality, i.e., hard, sharp, moderate, low? And why?

26. What sort of conformation (structure/size) are you looking for? Why?

27. If you had to choose between two puppies, one with perfect conformation, but low-moderate drive, and one with so-so conformation (but not pet quality) and high drive, which one would you choose and why?

28. Is this puppy intended for breeding?

29. Do you intended to spay/neuter. Why or why not?

30. Are you interested in a puppy of a particular sex (M or F)?

31. Are you aware of the socialization needs of a puppy, and do you feel you are capable of providing for these needs?

32. Are you willing to title the puppy in obedience, therapy, Ring, IPO, other sport, conformation, herding or tracking? Or certify the puppy in “street work” such as narcotics or K9 certifications?

33. Have you ever crate-trained a puppy? What are your feelings on crate-training?

34. How much time do you plan to spend with the puppy?

35. If you can think of anything on a more personal note that you’d like to add to this, I’d love to hear it. The idea behind these questions is that knowing the pups temperaments from day one, I may see different things in them than you would as a stranger attempting to pick one, and may be able to guide you towards a puppy which realistically suits your experience, needs and goals.