

Platinum Puppy Questionnaire and Application/Contact Form

The first step in obtaining a Platinum Dachshund is to fill out our questionnaire. This questionnaire is a very important first step as it outlines your expectations. We may request a phone or in-person interview and/or home check.

We will be asking many questions of you, but please understand that the intent is not to be invasive about your life. We screen thoroughly for a mutually beneficial placement, for your sake as well as the puppy's. *Please be honest in answering questions. **Telling us what you think we want to hear will end up with a disappointing placement, creating heartbreak for all, but most of all for the puppy.*

We will take back any puppy from our breeding at ANY time for ANY reason, but strive for a correct placement the first time!

We reserve the right to refuse the sale of a puppy should we feel it appropriate

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS

This questionnaire is designed to help make sure that a dachshund is the right choice for you and your family.

Buying a puppy or a dog is a lifetime, serious commitment and we are dedicated to making sure our pups always go to forever homes. We care about the dog as an individual, more than if the dog is a good show dog. Since we breed only occasionally, homes must be screened to make sure that the right dog goes to the right person. Please fill out the following questionnaire and be honest. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us.

NAME:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

CITY STATE ZIP:

PHONE (HOME):

BUS OR CELL:

I AM INTERESTED IN

MALE OR FEMALE

Why do you prefer one sex over the other?

Would you consider the opposite sex if your preference isn't available?

Is there a Coat Color or Coat Variation preferred?

Long Smooth Wire

Color:

Would you consider another coat variation or color?

Would you consider a young adult (1-2 years old, most likely a retired champion).

What is your time frame for acquiring a puppy?

We rarely breed more than 1-2 litters per year, so you may have to wait.

Are you willing to wait for the right dog?

How long? (this tells me how long to keep the application on file)

What do you want in your dachshund? Be specific about desires, ie. appearance, energy levels, your goals, and expectations, including behaviors that you would consider unacceptable as we again are striving for the right fit for your family.

** Each puppy does exhibit personality and preference as they grow. example...desires to hunt, desires only to be with a person, instigator of fun, mellow vs. energetic, etc.... knowing what you ideally want helps us find you "your" fit and the puppies. Having the most time with the puppies we whelp gives us the best idea of what puppy might best meet your desires in this.

Your ideal dog would be.....

Which of the following reasons best fit the primary reason(s) you would like to have a dog? If you mark more than one please put a 1 by the most important and a 2 by the next most important, etc.

GIFT TO EITHER SPOUSE OR CHILDREN

WATCHDOG

BREEDING

PARTNER

FIELD TRIAL

EARTHDOG

COMPANION FOR OTHER PET

COMPANION FOR ME OR OUR FAMILY

CONFORMATION DOG SHOWS

THERAPY WORK

SERVICE WORK

OBEDIENCE/RALLY/AGILITY

TRACKING or Nose work

OTHER DOG SPORT: WHICH?

How did you hear about Platinum Dachshunds?

Were you referred/internet/FB etc.

FAMILY:

Name of Spouse/Companion or roommate :

Names and Ages of Children if any including grandchildren or regular visitors:

Your Occupation:

Your Age:

Work Schedule: M T W TH F SAT SUN

Hours:

Occupation of Spouse/Companion:

Work Schedule: M T W TH F SAT SUN

Hours:

Who will be the primary caretaker for the dog?

Is there anyone else who will be living with the dog? (housekeeper/nanny, children, other dogs/animals, older parents, etc)

What hobbies/activities do you and your family enjoy

What type of exercise and or enrichment work are you willing to give to this dog?
How often can you do this?
How many hours per day will the dog be left alone on average?

Where will the dog be kept when...
someone is home? _____ someone is not home? _____

When you travel, would you normally travel with your dogs? Errands, vacations etc.
How would they travel with you ie crate, dog harness belt, dog car seat etc.

What arrangements would you make for the care of the dog if it was unable to travel with you?

Heartworm Preventative? If so, what kind?

Is anyone in your family allergic to dogs or dog hair?

What do you feed and why?
Are you willing to follow our feeding recommendations? _____
Dachshunds are prone to obesity which will strain their long backs, scheduled feeding is needed,
can you provide food on a schedule. Free feeding is not an option for dachshunds

PET OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Have you previously owned this breed?

If so, where did you get them?

If not, what attracted you to this breed?

What kind of research have you done on the dachshund as a whole?

Dachshunds are one of the top ten hardest dogs to potty train.

They are not one to learn and then never regress,
*Can you provide **intense regular potty training** in the first few months?* _____
This is beyond what a large dog needs and does require time and A LOT of patience
Adhering to a predictable schedule is needed for success Can you provide this? _____
Will you be willing to revisit potty training with your dachshund through its lifetime? _____
*continued refreshers throughout its lifetime are not uncommon.

How will you be housebreaking this puppy? _____
Will you be potty/puppy pad training or training for outside potty? _____ -

(you may have to be "potty trained" FOR them, noticing they haven't gone out for awhile.)

Some can be trained to ring a bell to go out-ask if your interested Im happy to share my experience..
**Weather can affect the dachshunds willingness to go out, as they do not like to be overly wet, cold (or hot in summer) again some are different and don't care, and this is why we ask how you wil potty train.).

Have you previously owned any other dog? _____ What type? _____

What happened to the previous dog(s) dachshund or other? _____
(sold, given to others, lost, died at what age and cause of death)

What other animals do you currently own? ex. cat hamster etc. _____

Dachshunds are scent hounds, and hunters/trackers by nature. Some have a well developed prey drive making them driven to hunt (your pets or bunnies outside etc.)

This said some have less prey drive and might be more suitable for home life.

Does one type or the other appeal more to you? _____
why? _____

Are you willing to give the dog back to the breeder if you can no longer care for or keep the dog for any reason? _____ Yes No

(If the wish is to rehome with a family member or friend I am happy to discuss and have them fill out this application, I have successfully done so in the past)

Will you agree to always keep the breeder current with regard to your address, and inform the breeder of any problems that may develop with the pup over his/her lifetime? Yes No

*Knowing of illnesses, etc will better improve what I do here as we breed, I want to improve every breeding done here and wish to have you help in that by letting me know about your dogs health, complications and when the time comes, their passing.

Do you breed dogs now or have you had experience breeding dogs? _____

If so,

How many litters do you breed per year? _____

Will you be willing to spay or neuter this dog if required? _____

Are you willing to sign a non-breeding agreement if necessary or a breeding approval form for companion dogs /show dogs? _____

TRAINING:

Have you ever trained a dog before?

If so, what type of training methods do you use?

Will you agree to attend at least one full session of puppy class and/or beginner obedience class with this puppy if requested ? _____

*likely required for adopting an older or retired show dog.

Where will you train? _____

Have you ever put any AKC, OBEDIENCE, UKC, Field title, earth dog, tracking or other titles on any dogs you have owned/trained?

*** companion dogs can earn sport titles as well if desired.

They are all registered with AKC for you in most cases.

If you are not interested in "show prospects" but acquire one as a companion/pet would you allow the breeder to show your dog to complete its championship if the breeder desires to see this dog get its championship? _____

(This requires some weekends away with you or with the breeder should you not wish to travel) This can be a way to get a puppy sooner than later that would otherwise go to a show home only).

Do you belong to any dog clubs or organizations? If so, please list:

TYPE OF HOME:

Do you own your own home?

If not, does your landlord and roommate allow dogs and what size?

Landlords contact info for approval:

Describe your home & yard (location, fencing type & height, set up, provisions for the dogs, where dogs sleep, hang out; where they are allowed to be both indoors and outdoors):

Is your entire yard fenced? Type of fence? What part or how much of the yard is fenced?

If not fenced, how will you provide supervision for your dog while outdoors? Please explain

****Please provide pictures of the dog's living quarters/yard**

Please include when submitting this form.

Applications lacking this will not be considered until added.

PLEASE BE ADVISED.....TO ENSURE WE MAINTAIN OUR PRIMARY GOAL OF BREEDING QUALITY DACHSHUNDS, ALL PUPS WILL BE SOLD ON LIMITED REGISTRATION WITH A SPAY/NEUTER AGREEMENT IF NOT SHOWING IN CONFORMATION unless agreed upon ahead. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A SHOW/BREEDING DOG, YOU WILL HAVE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT THE DOG IS ONLY ALLOWED TO BE BRED IF APPROVED BY THE BREEDERS OF YOUR PUPPY AND THAT IT HAS A CHAMPION TITLE BEFORE IT'S BRED unless agreed ahead of time in writing.

ALL PUPPIES WILL CARRY THE PLATINUM TITLE IN ITS REGISTRATION NAME, SHOW OR COMPANION.

WE STRIVE FOR HEALTHY, PROVEN DACHSHUNDS THAT CONFORM TO THE STANDARD.

ALL PUPPIES /DOG WILL BE SOLD ON A CO-OWNERSHIP UNLESS NOTED AHEAD, ALL MICROCHIPS WILL HAVE BREEDER AS A SECONDARY CONTACT. THIS IS DONE TO ENSURE THAT SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THE PRIMARY OWNER, OR IF THE DOG IS IN A SHELTER SITUATION THAT

THE DOG IS ABLE TO RETURN TO THE BREEDER AND IS NOT REHOMED WITHOUT CONSENT. THE HOMES THE DOGS ARE IN ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US.

PURCHASER WILL BE NOTED AS PRIMARY OWNER OF THE DOG UNLESS NOTED IN CONTRACT..

SHOULD YOU NOT AGREE TO THIS or ANY OTHER PARTS WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO REFER YOU TO A REPUTABLE BREEDER WITH LESS QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF THEIR PUPPIES. PLEASE BE AWARE ...IF THE DOG IS SEIZED OR RETURNED BECAUSE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THE DOG HAVE CHANGED, NO REFUND WILL BE PROVIDED.

REFERENCES

Please provide references from your vet, your current trainer/instructor, and two friends who you know well in regards to your dog activities.

These references will be checked; please provide phone numbers **and** emails. You may alert them ahead I will contact them.

Vet:

Trainer/Instructor:

Friend 1:

Other 2:

Is there anything you would like us to know that hasn't been covered in this questionnaire?

Do you have any questions you'd like to ask us about the dachshund breed or about dogs in general?

Please let us know if there are any other comments or conditions in which you'd like to be considered for inclusion in your contract at this time.

Thank You For Completing Our Questionnaire! We look forward to speaking with you!