

## Great Pyrenees Puppy Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Either sex

### PART I: LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS

Which type of livestock/poultry will the dog be guarding (sheep, goats, cattle, poultry, waterfowl, emu, alpaca, ostrich, horses, other)?

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Will the dog also be a companion dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages, \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Elderly

Other companion animals in the home (species, breeds, sexes, ages and temperaments)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Type and height of fencing and area enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be with stock or in a perimeter fence? Will the dog be only outside, or both inside and outside?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will there be a lot of visitors to your home/farm, or only on occasion? Will the visitors have access to the area the dog guards? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want this particular breed instead of another livestock guardian breed? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART II: COMPANION DOGS/HOME GUARDIANS

Have you ever owned a large working breed of dog before? \_\_\_\_\_ Which breeds? \_\_\_\_\_

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What other dogs have you owned/trained? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to any previous dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently have any other pets at home? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what other species, breeds, sexes and ages are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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Will the dog be alone during the day or night? \_\_\_\_\_

If the dog will be alone, what provisions do you plan to make, and where will the dog be kept? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where will the dog sleep?

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Who will the dog be a companion to? \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children, ages \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will train the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? \_\_\_\_\_ If you rent your home, is your landlord aware of your intention to purchase a Great Pyrenees and is he/she in agreement? \_\_\_\_\_

Type and height of fenced area \_\_\_\_\_

In order to select a pup that is most compatible with you and your family, please describe your own temperament and activities. Which activities do you expect to have your dog participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much activity does your home have? \_\_\_\_\_ Are there many visitors? \_\_\_\_\_

Is everyone in your home in agreement about the puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want a guard dog rather than a companion dog like a Golden Retriever or Newfoundland?

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Why do you want a Livestock Protection Dog instead of another guard dog breed such as a German Shepherd or Rottweiler? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want this particular breed instead of another livestock guardian breed? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following temperaments do you prefer?

\_\_\_\_\_ Quiet/submissive    \_\_\_\_\_ Steady/even-tempered    \_\_\_\_\_ Playful/Lively/Energetic

\_\_\_\_\_ Assertive/protective    \_\_\_\_\_ Aggressive    \_\_\_\_\_ Independent/ Self- confident

What expectations do you have for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have nearby neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know how they will feel about your owning a guard dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the laws governing dogs and owner responsibilities in your area, town? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to keep your dog indoors if it becomes a nuisance barker? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an obedience class in mind to take your dog to? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there puppy socialization classes in your area for pups three to six months? \_\_\_\_\_ **If you don't know please look into it now.** Early socialization classes are highly recommended for urban Livestock Protection Dogs and/or first time Great Pyrenees owners.

### **PART III: LIVESTOCK AND COMPANION DOG**

Spay/neutered dogs usually make better livestock guardian dogs and companions. They guard just as well or better than intact dogs. Bitches in heat must be confined for three weeks or longer every six to eight months and have been known to be irritable with both people, livestock and other animals. Males can be distracted from their stock when a female is in season nearby and can also be more irritable with people, livestock, other animals. Dog breeding is time-consuming and provides little profit when done carefully and properly. Careful placement of pups is essential for a successful integration with new families and livestock. Breeders should be able to raise and test their dogs with livestock in order to verify that those traits are important in livestock protection are maintained. Dedicated and responsible breeders are welcome.

Do you plan to breed your dog if he/she qualifies as breeding quality? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

Preferred coat and/or color?

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Sexual preference? \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Either

Please list any other traits you consider important for your dog to have: \_\_\_\_\_

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To be considered for one of our Great Pyrenees puppies please fill out and return this application at your earliest convenience.

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