

BREEZY RIDGE GSMD

Dear Prospective Puppy Buyer,

Thank you for considering a Breezy Ridge GSMD puppy. Please know that I have taken the greatest care and consideration in the planning of this litter, always with the goal in mind of improving and protecting the breed.

By the time the pups go to their homes, I will have spent countless hours caring for them. I care deeply that they go to loving and permanent homes. The best way for me to do that is to ask each person who would like one of my pups to fill out the attached application truthfully. These applications, coupled with temperament tests and structural evaluations to be done on the pups, will help me to place my puppies in the best homes for them. It will also help me to pick, for each person/family, the right puppy for that familys needs and lifestyle.

Please note that this process may provide me with many wonderful puppy families, yet not enough puppies to go around. I wish I could make promises to each of these families; but unfortunately, that is not possible. I will always be happy to refer good candidates to other breeders having litters, to the best of my ability.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to fill out this application. When you have completed it, please send it to my address listed below.

Sincerely,

Holly Witzgall

47 Haggett Farm Road

Northfield, NH 03276

(603) 729-0482

Swissygirl55@yahoo.com

CONTACT INFO:

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Other ways to reach you:

FAMILY INFO:

Please list names and ages of all household members with whom the Swissy will live:

Do you plan to add a child to your family in the near future? Yes [] No [] If so, when?

Is anyone in your family allergic to dogs (if yes, please explain)? Yes [] No []

Does everyone in your family want a Swissy (if no, please explain)? Yes [] No []

Do you currently have a dog or dogs in your home? Yes [] No []

If yes, how many and of what breeds?

Do you currently have other animals in your home? Yes [] No []

If yes, what species, and how many?

Please give the name and contact information for your current veterinarian (or for the one you plan to use, if you don't currently have one):

HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Please describe your neighborhood: Rural/Urban/Suburban/Other (please describe)

Do you have a securely fenced yard? Yes [] No []

If so, please describe the fence and its height, and the size of your yard.

If not, please describe what other arrangement you have for letting your dog out:

Leashed/Tied/Loose/Other (please describe)

Describe your type of residence: Single-family home/Apartment building/Other (please describe)

Do you: Own your home/Rent/Live with parents/Other (please explain)

IF YOU RENT YOUR RESIDENCE:

Do you have the permission of your landlord to own a large and sometimes-noisy dog? Yes [] No []

Approximately how long do you plan to stay at your rented address?

If you move, will you rent again? Yes [] No []

Have you thought about what you would do if your next landlord will not allow you to have a dog (Please explain)?
Yes [] No []

Please include the contact info of your landlord:

In what parts (if any) of your home will the dog be allowed?

INTEREST IN A SWISSY:

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How did you learn about the Swissy?

What attracts you to the breed, and why do you want one?

Do you have some knowledge of the breed's history? Yes [] No []

Have you read any books/literature/websites/pamphlets about the GSMD? Yes [] No []

Have you met an adult Swissy before? Yes [] No []

If yes, who was the owner?

BREED AND HEALTH ISSUES:

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Are you familiar with the major health issues this breed is prone to, including:

Hip and elbow dysplasia? Yes [] No []

Bloat? Yes [] No []

Epilepsy? Yes [] No []

OCD (Osteochondritis Dissecans)? Yes [] No []

Are you aware that Swissies can take 9 months or more to fully housetrain, and that some Swissies suffer incontinence? Yes [] No []

Are you aware that it is critical to properly socialize a Swissy from a young age and onwards? Yes [] No []

Did you know that you should NEVER feed giant-breed puppies REGULAR puppy food, but that you should instead feed LARGE BREED puppy food (or something else your veterinarian recommends)? Yes [] No []

Did you know that you should NEVER give giant-breed puppies mineral supplements such as calcium (unless directed by your vet)? Yes [] No []

If you plan to feed your Swissy a raw diet, are you very familiar with raw diets and the science behind them? Yes [] No [] / Not applicable []

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/bay that sounds like a BOOOOOOOOOOO ? Yes [] No []

and that, even though their tails may be wagging, their loud BOOOOOO, coupled with their size, can frighten children and adults, and will usually wake up babies sleeping in other parts of the house? Yes [] No []

Did you know that, if you get in your dog's face while he eats, you can actually induce a perfectly-contented pup to have food aggression; or make a pup who seems to have some food aggression much, much worse; and that there are positive ways for you to teach your pup to be very happy that you are near when he is eating? Yes [] No []

Did you know that Swissies shed profusely twice a year? Yes [] No []

Are you aware that children need to be supervised around a Swissy, and that a Swissy can easily knock over a small child? Yes [] No []

PAST PET EXPERIENCE:

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Have you ever owned a dog before? Yes [] No []

If yes, what breed(s), when, and what happened to them?

Have you ever returned a dog to its breeder? Yes [] No []

If yes, please explain.

Have you ever brought a dog to an animal shelter? Yes [] No []

If yes, please explain.

Have you ever adopted a dog (e.g., from a shelter or other such situation)? Yes [] No []

Have you ever bred dogs? Yes [] No []

If yes, please explain.

Have you ever trained a dog before? Yes [] No []

If yes, please explain your level of training experience.

HOUSEBREAKING AND TRAINING:

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Are you familiar with crate training? Yes [] No []

How do you plan to housetrain your puppy?

How do you plan to socialize your puppy?

Do you plan to take your puppy to a puppy kindergarten or socialization class? Yes [] No []

Do you plan to take your Swissy to obedience class(es)? Yes [] No []

How do you plan to discipline your dog?

LIFE AND WORK SCHEDULES:

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Describe your occupation, and your typical work week:

Describe the occupation of your spouse/partner, if applicable, and his/her typical work week:

Is someone at home most or part of the day? Yes [] No []

If not, will someone take time off from work initially to be with the new pup? Yes [] No []

If yes, for how long (in weeks)?

If no, will arrangements be made for someone to take care of the puppy partway

through the day each work day? Yes [] No []

If yes, for how long (in months)?

Do you travel often? Yes [] No []

If yes, please describe arrangements you will make for your dog to be cared for while you are away:

CAREGIVING AND SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS:

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Who will be the primary caretaker of the dog?

If the above person is a child, what will happen to the Swissy if the child does not fulfill his/her obligation to take care of the dog?

Where will the dog live, most of the time? Indoors/Outdoors/Crate/Kennel

Where will the dog sleep at night?

How many hours per day will the dog be left alone?

Where will the dog stay when s/he is left alone at home?

Are you planning on using a crate? Yes [] No []

If yes, how many hours will the dog be crated per day?

How will you exercise your Swissy, and how often?

Will you be able to let your dog out to pee frequently, especially when it is young?

Yes [] No []

Do you plan on bringing your dog to the vet for regular veterinary care, keeping up with vaccinations, and giving heartworm preventatives regularly?

Yes [] No []

Do you plan on feeding your Swissy a high-quality food? Yes [] No []

Will you be able to feed your puppy 3 or 4 times per day, and your adult dog 2 or 3 times per day? Yes [] No []

What is your impression of the amount of time required to properly care for a new puppy?

What is your impression of the amount of money (per year) required to properly care for your Swissy?

PLANNED ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS WITH YOUR SWISSY:

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Would you like a show/breeding prospect or a companion (pet)? Show/Companion

If you want a show pup, what will you do if the dog becomes unable to finish its championship title or be bred, due to health or conformation issues?

Would you prefer a male or a female? Male/Female

Why?

What types of activities, if any, do you think you may participate in with your Swissy? Circle any that apply: Dog shows/ Herding/ Carting(Drafting)/ Obedience/ Agility/ Rally/ Therapy/ Packing/ Hiking or Camping/ Weight-pulling/ Rescue work/ Breeding/ Other (please specify):

What personality traits are you looking for in a Swissy, and what traits would you NOT want?

BREEDER REQUIREMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS:

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May I give your email address to the owners of your pup's littermates, so that you can all communicate with each other online? Yes [] No []

Would you be willing to send me pictures of your dog's front, rear, and side at age 1 and age 3? Yes [] No []

Would you be willing to stay in touch with either (sire's owner), or me from time to time, to let either of us know how your pup is doing? Yes [] No []

Will you agree to NEVER get in your dogs face while he/she is eating?

Yes [] No []

If you get a show/breeding prospect pup, will you agree to NOT breed him/her until it has become an AKC champion, reached the age of 2 years, passed an OFA hip evaluation (or been given acceptable PennHip numbers), passed an OFA elbow evaluation, and been given an eye clearance from the CERF? Yes [] No []

If you get a companion (pet) pup, will you agree to neuter/spay him/her at an age that is recommended to you by discussion with your veterinarian?

Yes [] No []

If, for some reason, you are unable to keep your commitment to this dog, will you agree to allow me to help you place it elsewhere, or to return him/her to me? Yes [] No []

Please sign and date here, indicating that you have read carefully all of the above information, and the answers you have given are true and complete to the best of your ability or knowledge:

Name

Date

Thank you, again, for taking the time to complete my application.

Sincerely,

Holly Witzgall

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