**Questionnaire for Potential Homes**

This is not a pass or fail application. This is just a jumping off point for a conversation to see if I think you may be right for a puppy or dog I have available now or in the near future. I usually grow out my puppies for 3-6 mos before placement, so if I have a newborn litter, you may want to come back in 2-3 mos if you are still looking, or wait until I post something specific as available. I do not always have time to follow up if I don’t have anything suitable, and I don’t go back through old applications very often as people usually have found a puppy and moved on, so feel free to send a “nudge” from time to time if I post something available and you are still looking.

Please note also that **I DO NOT SHIP PET PUPPIES.** Thank you for your understanding!

* Elizabeth, Silhouette Poms

**Questionnaire**

1. **Name of person(s) inquiring: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Address**
	1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Best time to call If necessary: \_\_ AM \_\_ PM**
4. **Please list the member s of your household, ages and occupations. Include children.**
5. **Is there anyone else who may be living with the dog part-time (ie visiting grandchildren, roommate, someone renting a room, etc)**
6. **Have you ever owned a Pomeranian or other toy dog before? If so, explain.**
7. **If you have owned other dogs, please give the name, breed, where they were obtained, and what happened to the dog (died –please include cause of death, sold, given away…)**
8. **If you CURRENTLY own any other dogs, cats, or other pets (exotic pets, etc) please specify and describe:**
9. **What drew you to the Pomeranian breed specifically?**
10. **Why are you currently looking for a pet? Check all that apply.**
	1. **Companion for other pet \_\_**
	2. **Companion for spouse \_\_**
	3. **Companion for children \_\_**
	4. **Gift for someone \_\_**
	5. **Breeding \_\_**
	6. **Conformation Showing \_\_**
	7. **Agility Showing \_\_**
	8. **Obedience Showing \_\_**
11. **Have you given thought to the breed’s grooming requirements? Do you plan to use a professional groomer, bathe/groom yourself at home, and/or keep your pom shaved down?**
12. **Do you prefer a male or female? Why?**
13. **Which of the following would you be interested in (check all that apply)**

 **\_\_ young puppy (12weeks – 6 mos)**

 **\_\_ older puppy (6mos – 1 year)**

 **\_\_ young adult dog (1year – 3 years)**

 **\_\_ retiree (3-6 years)**

 **\_\_ veteran (6 years or older)**

**\_\_ Rescue or rehomed dog (our local club does rescue)**

1. **Do you have a color preference?**
2. **Do you plan on spaying or neutering your Pomeranian? If not, why?**
3. **Pomeranians are sometimes difficult to housebreak. Should this problem arise in your pet, and despite your best efforts accidents still happen after a few months of training, what would you do?**
	1. **Confine the pet (please explain)**
	2. **Re-home the pet**
	3. **Buy diapers/belly bands/panties for the dog**
	4. **Other (please explain):**
4. **We perform routine vet check ups and some OFA screenings to ensure our breeding dogs are healthy at the time they are bred. However, we cannot guarantee a dog will be healthy for its entire lifetime because dogs can always carry and pass on hidden genes. If your puppy were to be diagnosed with some issue, what would your response be and what are your expectations of the breeder?**
5. **Please describe a “day in the life” of your pom. Who will care for it in the morning and evening. How many hours will it be left alone? Do you plan to confine it in an expen or crate, or in an area where the dog can’t harm furniture, carpets or other belongings until it is trained and trustworthy?**
6. **Where would the dog spend most of its time (e.g. kitchen, crate, outside, garage, etc)**
	1. **When you are home:**
	2. **When you are all at work/school:**
7. **How do you plan to provide exercise for the dog? Check all that apply and elaborate if requested.**
	1. **Fenced yard (Describe – keep in mind poms are small and you must NOT have a gap bigger than 2 inches anywhere in the fence or they can escape)**
	2. **Unfenced yard (describe)**
	3. **Leash Walks**
	4. **Off leash walks**
	5. **Dog Park**
8. **Could you provide photos of your home/yard, video or FaceTime? (This is mainly to address any possible safety concerns, ie stairs, secure fencing, etc that you need to be cautious of)**
9. **Is anyone in your family allergic to dogs/dog hair?**
10. **Imagine you are going on a vacation but the pet can’t come with you. Who will care for the dog? Have you inquired about local boarding kennels, pet sitters or neighbors/friends/relatives who could care for the dog?**
11. **I am an involved, serious breeder and I love to receive updates on my dogs, especially photos, but I also need to know about any health issues that arise through their lifetime, and how long they live. Are you willing to communicate periodically with me throughout your dog’s life so I can better plan my future breedings?**
	1. **Yes or No:**
12. **Please give serious thought to what would become of the dog should any of the scenarios below arise. I know no one plans on a divorce, but let’s just pretend for a moment. There needs to be agreement on where the dog would go. Please describe the scenario for each possibility below**
	1. **Divorce**
	2. **Moving to a situation where owning a dog is difficult/impossible**
	3. **New baby in the home (yours, a grandchild, your cousin passed away and left you a toddler… etc)**
	4. **Loss of job or serious illness/financial difficulty**
	5. **Death of spouse/SO**
	6. **Death of those immediately responsible for the dog in a car crash or freak accident**
	7. **Very high vet bills for the dog – due to chronic illness or serious accident, that you can’t financially deal with**
13. **In the case of your untimely demise or other issues requiring the surrender of the dog, will you agree to have me listed as the first point of contact for the dog’s care/re-homing? Or if you have a trusted friend/relative to take on this role, do you agree to make sure my information is accessible to them so I can be updated and help if needed?**
14. **Were you referred to me by anyone in particular? IF so, who?**
15. **Your current Veterinarian name and phone number (please contact them in advance and ask permission for Elizabeth Heckert to make an inquiry). If you do not have a current one let me know who you are thinking of using.**

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1. **Please give two personal references (name, email, phone, relationship)**
2. **Do YOU have any questions/concerns/comments for me?**