

## Puppy Buyer Questionnaire - Stirling Irish Terriers

As a breeder of Irish Terriers, we have an obligation to our puppies, to you as a potential puppy buyer, and to our kennel and breeding program to do everything possible to place the right puppy in the best home. The following questions will help us to find the best homes for our puppies. Do the best you can in answering the questions. There are no right or wrong answers.

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

Address/City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers - Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information

1. How many adults (age 18+) live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What activities do you enjoy in your spare time? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do all members of your family want to get a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do any family members have allergies to dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who will be the primary care giver for your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever owned a dog before? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what happened to that dog? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever given a dog away or taken one to a pound or shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what was the circumstance? \_\_\_\_\_

9. If your family circumstances change (i.e., a new baby, change of residence or job), what will happen to the dog?

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10. Do you currently own any other pets? (If so, please list) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you have a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please provide name, address, and phone number.

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### Housing Information

1. Do you live in a house / apartment / condo / townhouse? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have a yard? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how large? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If not, how do you plan to exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is your yard completely fenced with secure fencing? \_\_\_\_\_ How high? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If not, would you be willing to do so before bringing home a new puppy, or build a secure run for the puppy to be in when not being safely supervised? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have a swimming pool? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it fenced off? \_\_\_\_\_

## Puppy Information

1. Why have you decided to buy an Irish Terrier? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you aware that Irish Terriers can be chewers and diggers, and some can be destructive, especially if left alone for extended periods of time? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have a preference for either male or female? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Rate the importance level to you of the following factors in your choice of a puppy (*not important* to *very important*):
  - a. Structure/Looks \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Potential Breeding Animal \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Temperament \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Potential Hunting Dog \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Pedigree \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Pet Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Potential Obedience/Agility Dog \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Search & Rescue Animal \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Family Companion \_\_\_\_\_
  - j. 4H or FFA project \_\_\_\_\_
  - k. Potential Show Dog \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where will your dog live (inside, outside, combination of both)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is anyone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ How many hours on the average will your dog spend alone? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Will there be someone available to feed and exercise the puppy during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where will your puppy spend the time when no one is at home? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where will your puppy stay if you go out of town? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where will the puppy sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you going to crate-train your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Are you willing to take your puppy to obedience classes? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Is this your first puppy or the first one in many years? \_\_\_\_\_
14. For the health of the dog, would you agree to not have the puppy spayed/neutered until 18 mos. or older? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How did you hear about our kennel? Please be specific: Breeder referral, puppy owner referral, our website, etc.  
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To promote responsible breeding, all of our puppies registered with the American Kennel Club and are sold with the Limited Registration option. Limited Registration means that the dog is registered with the AKC, however, any offspring produced by the dog would not be eligible to be registered with the AKC. This does not mean that the dog is of lesser quality. Most puppies purchased from our kennel are purchased as companion dogs by owners who have no interest in breeding or showing; therefore, a limited registration will have no bearing on these dogs and their owner.

We do require a contract with our puppy buyers in order to guarantee the safety of the dog. The price of our Irish Terrier puppy adoption will include all sets of puppy vaccinations, all physical exams by our veterinarian before adoption, and the puppy's AKC registration.

Please send this questionnaire back to us at your convenience. You can fill out this interactive PDF form, then save it and return it to us as an attachment by email, or copy and paste this questionnaire text into an e-mail with your answers, or print out your completed questionnaire and send by regular mail. Send email to: [stuart@stirlingirishterriers.com](mailto:stuart@stirlingirishterriers.com), or by regular mail to: **Stirling Irish Terriers, 10439 Deerpath Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098.**