

## Kootenai Kangal Questionnaire V.1

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*Greetings and warmest welcome to Kootenai Kangals. Thank you for your interest in this amazing breed. We would like to start off by sharing some basic facts about Livestock Guardian Dogs and the Kangal.*

*Your puppy could live for up to 18 years. It will take three years of high-quality food and continuous growth for them to reach an adult weight of between 100-160 pounds and stand approximately 28-34 inches tall at the shoulder.*

*This breed is purpose-built to be outside working and guarding your livestock. They are not pets and will not do well being placed in such a role. One of their first lines of defense is a series of loud barks. Please be aware that this may be bothersome to you and your neighbors.*

*To ensure the continued health of your pup s/he will need your guidance, patience, love and training as well as regular vaccinations and veterinary care, clean water, and a minimum of one fenced, secured acre per dog in which to run and exercise. A minimum of a six-foot perimeter fencing is necessary to ensure the safety of your puppy. Until approximately nine months of age, we highly recommend that the pup is kept indoors at night and kept in a safe outdoor containment area during any unsupervised daytime hours.*

*By initialing in the space provided both parents acknowledge that they understand and agree to these minimum requirements in the care and keeping of their puppy.*

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*Parent #1 Initials*

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*Parent # 2 Initials*

**Desired Pup(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent # 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent # 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**How long have you lived at your current address? (If less than one year, please list your previous address)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you rent?** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you rent, we will require a copy of your current rental agreement or lease that clearly states you can have a large, outside dog that may bark frequently.*

**If you have children, please list their ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please share your experience with past and current dog(s), including the breed(s) and the outcome(s) of your relationship.**

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**What animals/livestock do you currently have or plan to purchase that your pup will be guarding?**

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**How high is the perimeter fencing on your property?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have or plan to install electric “hotwire” fencing?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**How many acres do you own (or rent) that your Kangal will patrol?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What predator(s) have you seen in your area?**

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**What made you choose the Kangal over other Livestock Guardian Dogs?**

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**What role are you hoping your Kangal will play in your life?**

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**Please describe where the pup will be kept during the day.**

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**Please describe where the pup will be kept at night.**

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**How often is the pup going to be left alone and unsupervised?**

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**Please provide your current veterinarian's contact information for our records.**

**Veterinarian's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinic/Animal Hospital Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide three personal references for our records.**

**Reference # 1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference # 1 Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference # 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference # 2 Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference # 3 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference # 3 Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Until they reach two years of age, leaving your puppy unsupervised may lead to injury or potential death of your livestock. Please tell us the steps you will take to prevent this from occurring.**

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**Livestock Guardian Dogs will bark to alert you to danger and deter predators and other perceived threats. This barking may seem excessive to you and/or your neighbors. This natural trait could lead to potential issues for you, your neighbors, and even other members of your household. We would appreciate your thoughts on this, as it could lead to the potential return of your puppy.**

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**Livestock Guardian Dogs are known escape artists and prone to wandering. You may believe that you have them securely contained only to receive a phone call from an irritated neighbor. How do you intend to reinforce your Kangal's space to minimize escapes?**

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**Livestock Guardian puppies are prone to a puppy phase between approximately 12-24 weeks. Some of the behavior they may exhibit at this time includes intense chewing, destruction of your personal property (shoes, walls, baseboards, windowsills, doors, clothing, etc.), stubbornness, ignoring you and your commands, chasing livestock, and/or wrestling and roughhousing with other household pets. What will you do to correct your puppy and help them through this transitional phase?**

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**Livestock Guarding Dogs are also prone to an intense "teenage" phase which can start as early as ten months and last up to approximately 18 months of age. During**

**this phase you now have a potentially 100 plus pound puppy that may cease to listen to you, chase and potentially kill livestock and other animals, attempt to escape (whether through digging, climbing, jumping or physical destruction of barriers), alert/bark/growl or portray other aggressive behavior towards guests and strangers, and attempt to establish dominance with other pets (or people) within the household. How will you help your puppy and your family get through this stage in the dog's life?**

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**Please provide us with any personal circumstances that could lead to the potential return of your Kangal puppy**

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**Please list any potential behavior in your puppy that would cause you to return them to us.**

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**Do you understand that at any time we can request proof of life and/or proof of health to ensure the pup(s) is safe, healthy and being well-cared for? (This may entail contacting you, requesting video or photographic evidence or even speaking with your vet) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you agree to contact us when the dog dies and provide cause of death?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you agree to contact us if there are any known or discovered medical issues (this is directly relevant to our breeding program)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If the Kangal puppy you have adopted is not a good fit for you and your family, returning the pup to Kootenai Kangals is required. We will initiate negotiations for financial reimbursement. Please provide your initials to show your understanding of this statement.**

**Parent # 1 Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Parent # 2 Initials \_\_\_\_\_**

**We will not release any puppy prior to 12 weeks of age. At your request, we are willing to keep the puppy until up to 9 months of age to allow more training with its dam and sire and more exposure to various farm environment scenarios. This option can be negotiated with us and both parties will determine the terms of such a scenario, such as lodging costs, feeding fees, visitation, specific training requested, etc. At what age would you like the puppy to come home with you? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you have any questions for us at this time?**

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**Is there anything else you would like us to be aware of when helping to place the right dog with your needs?**

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**We here at Kootenai Kangals want to thank you for the time you have taken in assisting us in finding the best Kangal puppy for you and your property. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via phone at (253) 204-5154 or email at [kootenaikangals@gmail.com](mailto:kootenaikangals@gmail.com). As we move closer to matching you with a puppy, we may reach out for additional information.**

**This questionnaire will become a binding part of the Purchase Agreement, if it is determined that a Kootenai Kangal puppy is a good fit for you and your home. The final step in the adoption process will be the co-signing of this document, along with the Kootenai Kangal Adoption Contract, prior to a puppy being released into your care.**

**By co-signing this Questionnaire and the Adoption Contract along with Sarah Benoit or Michael Isam, owners of Kootenai Kangal, you are acknowledging that you have entered into a legally binding agreement and that you are subject to all of the terms contained therein.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Signature of Purchaser # 1**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Signature of Purchaser # 1**

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**Date**

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**Signature of Breeder**