

**Nuthatch Kennel – Leonberger  
Prospective Owner Questionnaire**

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1. Have you ever seen a Leonberger? visited with a family that has Leonbergers? (alternatively, if you have not seen Leos, have you visited a family that has Newfoundland dogs? The hair and dirt from a Newfie is fairly comparable to a Leonberger.)
  
2. Do you have any pets currently living in your home? Please list type (dog, cat...), age, and sex of each:
  
3. Do you have any children living at home? If so, how many? what is the age of the youngest child?
  
4. What facilities do you have to shelter a Leonberger? Crate? mudroom? Chain link kennel?
  
5. Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes: how high? \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)  No
  
6. If you do not have a fence, this is a concern, as Leonbergers are huge dogs and if something goes awry it can happen in a big way. Consider what liability you would incur if your dog (even accidentally) mouthed someone and broke the skin, or knocked someone over in play. What provisions do you have to keep your Leonberger quiet and separated from other animals in case of an emergency, or sickness, or a dog fight?
  
7. On a regular basis (work week) how many hours a day will your Leo be left alone? Where will s/he be kept during periods when s/he must be alone?

8. If you have to travel without your dog how do you plan to care him/her during your absence?
  
9. Do you currently have a veterinarian? If so, is your vet familiar with giant breed dogs? How long have you been going to this vet? \_\_\_\_\_ If you do not have a vet, where do you expect to take your Leo for medical/health treatment and vaccinations?
  
10. Leonbergers **must** have formal and informal Obedience training, and may begin classes after their 2<sup>nd</sup> set of shots (~8-10 weeks old). Have you inquired into “puppy” and obedience classes in your area?

Where will you take your puppy for classes?

Will you have the time to train your Leo consistently to at least a basic “novice” class level? (come, sit, down, stay, heel)?

11. Are you willing to wait until **after** you have completed Novice obedience class with your Leo to receive your AKC registration?
  
12. Will you be able to come visit the puppies before the final pick-up?
  
13. Are you willing to have a Nuthatch Kennel representative or an LCA breeder and/or LCA member visit your home? Yes / No
  
14. Preferred puppy gender? Male / Female
  
15. Show/Breeding interest? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
  
16. Family companion only? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

If companion only, will you have your dog spayed/neutered? Yes / No

17. It's never possible to completely predict puppy personality but we will make an attempt (temperment testing etc...) to match puppies “types” and your request – do you have a preference for activity level? For example: prefer laid back dog? active? high “fetch” level? middle of the road?

18. It's important that Leos participate with human-Leo activities – they do poorly without human interaction and will become “problem dogs”. What activities you will be doing with your dog?

19. Usually dog - family matches work out but sometimes uncontrollable things happen in life and a dog cannot remain with its family. Should you need to give up your dog, are you willing to contact, discuss\*, and (possibly) return the Leonberger to the breeder before pursuing other methods of forfeiture (shelter, friend, Craig's List etc...)?

\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

*(\*At Nuthatch Kennel we have a “no questions asked” return policy if you desire – we like to know what has gone wrong for future home placement but, should you not wish to discuss it, we will not pursue questioning.)*

20. There is a major effort in the Leonberger community to keep accurate historical health records – are you willing to get your dog tested for various exams, and make the data available? (Hips/elbows, thyroid, eyes and LPN)

21. Contact Info – Name, Address, phone, cell, email, Facebook etc...:

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22. Preferred method of contact? Times? Days? Best ways to reach you.

Please attach any pictures (digital or snail mail OK) of your family, home, yard or anything else you'd like us to consider for placing a puppy with your family.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. We appreciate your understanding that we wish to find the best possible “home fit” for our Leo puppies. Leos are family dogs and it is important to us that we place our puppies in homes where they will be active family members.

- Marsha