

Gustafson Hovawarts Kennel

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Puppy Buyer Questionnaire

Please cut & paste this into either an email or a Word doc and back to us for review and consideration. There is no such thing as too detailed!

PROSPECTIVE BUYER INFORMATION

1. Provide name, address, phone & email please!!!
2. Why do you want a dog? Are you acquiring a dog for yourself or for someone else? If for someone else, are they aware of your intentions, or is the dog to be a surprise?
3. Describe your current household (people). Do you have children living with your or visiting regularly? If yes, please note gender and ages. Are you prepared to teach any resident or visiting children the proper way to conduct themselves around dogs?
4. How did you learn about the Hovawart breed?
5. Why do you want a Hovawart?
6. Have you considered other breeds?
 - ◆ If yes, what breed(s) and why?
7. Who in your family will be primarily responsible for:
 - ◆ Daily care of the dog, Clean up, Training, Exercise, Vet and food bills?
8. How would you describe your household activity level?
 - ◆ Very quiet, Rather easygoing, Usually something going on, Lots of activity
9. For each dog you currently own, please list the following:
 - ◆ Name
 - ◆ Breed or mix
 - ◆ Sex
 - ◆ Age
 - ◆ Is pet spayed or neutered?
10. For each dog you have owned in the past 10 years, please list the following:
 - ◆ Name
 - ◆ Breed or mix
 - ◆ Sex
 - ◆ Age
 - ◆ Was the pet spayed or neutered?

- ◆ Why do you no longer own the animal? (If deceased, please give age at death and cause of death.)
11. Have you ever given a dog away or taken one to a pound or shelter? If so, what were the circumstances? Do you have other pets? If yes, please list.
 12. Do you have any pets other than other dogs? If yes, please list.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

13. Do you live in: Apartment, House, Mobile home, Condo, Other (describe details; size, forest, open grass, with stream, flat land, mountains, rolling hills, climate, etc.)
14. In which type of area is your home located? Urban, Suburban, Rural
15. Do you own your home or are you renting?
16. Describe your typical day & lifestyle, including your work schedule.
17. Where will the dog spend most of his/her time?
 - ◆ Where will the dog be when you are at home?
 - ◆ How long each day will the dog be alone?
 - ◆ Where will the dog be when you are away?
 - ◆ Where will the dog sleep?
18. How do you envision a dog fitting into your home (schedule, indoor/outdoor activities, exercise, etc.)?
19. Do you have a fenced yard?
 - ◆ If yes, size of yard, type and height of fencing location, fencing type & height, set up, and provisions for the dogs.
 - ◆ If no, please explain what arrangements you will provide for housebreaking and for safe and adequate exercise.
20. If you have to be away from home for a few days and are unable to take the dog, what arrangements will you make to provide for his/her care?
21. What will you do with the dog when you go on a vacation trip?
22. In the event of emergency (e.g., hospitalization, natural disaster, etc.), who would take care of your dog?
23. If you were to move, what would happen to your dog? When you travel with the dog, where will he/she ride?

YOUR INTERESTS/GOALS

24. Are you aware of the SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING requirements of the Hovawart?
25. Are you prepared to spend time SOCIALIZING AND TRAINING your Hovawart?
26. If you have specific training goals, what are they? Who do you currently train with? At what level? What are your goals for your dog? (Please check all that apply.)

Companion (pet)	Conformation/Showing	Agility	Herding
Obedience	Rally	Tracking	SAR

Therapy Dog Assistance Dog Flyball
Schutzhund Other (specify)

27. What do you want in a Hovawart? Be **very specific** about the sex/appearance, energy levels, your goals & expectations, including behaviors that you would consider unacceptable.
28. What would happen if this puppy developed physical or behavioral problems that prevented the pup from meeting these goals?
29. Have you ever used a crate in housetraining a puppy or dog? Do you intend to use a crate for this dog?
30. What puppy & training classes are available to you locally? When do you plan to start puppy classes? When do you plan to start other classes after finishing puppy class?
31. What type of puppy are you looking for? (male, female, Black, Black & Gold, Blonde) Will you spay/neuter this dog? If not, do you plan on showing this dog? If required, would you keep a male intact for breeding (we sometimes retain stud rights on promising males)?
32. What is your time frame for acquiring a puppy? We rarely breed more than 1 litter per every other year, so you may have to wait. Are you willing to wait for the right dog? How long?

OTHER

33. **WE SELECT THE PUPPIES FOR EACH FAMILY**, since we know our pups better than anyone else. If two equally suitable puppies are available, then we allow the puppies and you to let us know what the best match is. How do you feel about this?
34. Are you willing to stay in close contact with us, openly discuss any training or health problems you have, and **AGREE TO GIVE US RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL** should you be unable/unwilling to keep the dog? What do you expect from us as your pup's breeder?
35. We do **REQUIRE** you to have your dog's hips x-rayed between 15 months and 2 years of age so that we can track any problems. The Hovawart Club of North America (HCNA) requires a \$300 hip X-ray deposit for each puppy. The club refunds this to you when the X-rays have been evaluated by the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA). Your vet will know how to take and submit these X-rays. If the X-rays are not taken during the specified time, the deposit is forfeited to the HCNA. Are you willing to do this?
36. We will pay the first year's membership dues to the Hovawart Club of North America membership. Are you interested in becoming a member of the club?
37. What questions/concerns do you have? Please feel free to ask any questions about our dogs.
38. Are you prepared for the responsibility of caring for this dog for its entire life (10-16 years)?
39. How did you learn about Gustafson Hovawarts ?
40. May I or my representative visit your home? If no, why not?
41. Please add any additional information or thoughts that you feel would help me to understand you as a potential Hovawart owner and the home you can offer the dog.
42. What questions do you have for Gustafson Hovawarts?

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

A deposit is an agreement/ contract to purchase a puppy from a particular litter. Gustafson Hovawarts will decide puppy placements to home, yet will “attempt” to meet personal preferences (NO PROMISES). If such a puppy is not available, the deposit can be refunded or it can be applied to a puppy of a different sex or color in the litter or it can be applied to a future litter at the buyer’s option. If a puppy of the desired sex and color is available, but the buyer chooses not to finalize the purchase, the deposit is not refundable. We reserve the right not to sell to a particular buyer if there is any question about the buyer’s ability to properly care for the puppy. In this case the deposit will be refunded. We also reserve the right to retain one or more puppies in the litter in order to further our breeding program.

By signing/submitting this questionnaire, I affirm that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge. (If you are submitting this form via e-mail, please type your name in the signature line. I will require a signed copy before placing a puppy.)

Name

Signature

Date