**STEADFAST STANDARD SCHNAUZERS**

If you’re interested in one of our puppies or dogs, please complete this questionnaire. It is intentionally comprehensive because your answers and info help us place the right puppy into its best possible forever-home. It is highly advisable that you first read our document “Puppy Placement Process” before completing an application. Every one of our dogs is a cherished family member and we’re incredibly selective about choosing homes for them. The details you provide to us in the application helps us prioritize our list of applicants.

Instructions: copy this form, complete and send to: darcy@steadfaststandards.com

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NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

**Interests:**

1. For what purposes are you seeking purchase? (Pet, Show, Obedience, Dog Sports, Breeding)
2. Do you intend to show or compete? If yes, have you shown a dog in any show or performance titles? Describe your experience(s). If this will be a new venture, what kind(s) of sports might you consider entering?
3. Do you have any male or female puppy preferences, or no preference? If you have a gender preference, why?
4. What kind of temperaments or traits do you seek in a dog? What traits of the standard schnauzer are of interest to you?
5. Do you want your dog’s ears cropped? If yes, why? Do you have experience in the post-surgical care for a cropped eared dog?
6. Standard Schnauzers live 12 to 16 years. Do you have experience caring for a dog's needs for a full lifetime?
7. Do you intend to breed the dog, or are you willing to spay/neuter?

Please note: Any dog placed in a pet home will be required to be spayed/neutered and the puppy/dog will be registered with AKC as Limited Registration, which means that the dog is registered but no litters produced by the dog are eligible for registration. You will be required to sign an spay/neuter agreement as well as provide follow-up documentation as outlined in the agreement.

We offer AKC Full Registration only on a Co-Owned basis which is outlined in our “Puppy Contract – Show” document.

**Experience:**

1. Have you ever owned a dog before? If yes, please describe your history with dog ownership including how the dog came to you initially.
2. Have you ever house trained a puppy before? If yes, describe your experience(s) and what you found helpful or not helpful in a smooth training.
3. Have you ever returned a pet to a breeder, rescue, or shelter? If yes what were the circumstances?
4. How long did your last pet live, and what were the circumstance of its demise?
5. Have you ever completed basic obedience and/or puppy kindergarten classes with a puppy/dog? If so, describe these experiences and explain improvements you observed in both your and their behavior. If you have had more than one experience, highlight the most meaningful experience you’ve had.
6. We strongly recommend basic obedience training. This helps to socialize your puppy and makes for a well-adjusted pet that is more strongly bonded to the owner. Outside of obedience training, what is your philosophy (or approach to) of training a puppy? Feel free to give examples of puppy training techniques you have found helpful or less helpful.
7. Have you ever had a Standard Schnauzer before? If so, from whom did you purchase your dog?
8. What kind of activity level are you seeking in your dog? Give examples of your lifestyle and activities you would include your dog?
9. Raising and maintaining a puppy/dog can be expensive. What expenses do you foresee for your puppy/dog? What would you estimate your annual expenses to be by line item?

**Family and Home Environment:**

1. Please describe your family that will regularly interact with the puppy/dog:
2. Describe a typical work/school day in your household:
3. Do all your family members want this puppy?
4. What ages are the children residing in your home?
5. Is anyone in your family allergic to dogs or cats?
6. Who will be the dog's primary caregiver?
7. Is someone normally at home during the day? If not, how many hours (on average) will the puppy be left alone?
8. Where will your dog be kept when you are not home or busy? (inside, outside, kennel, or loose)
9. Where will the puppy sleep at night?
10. What other pets live in the home now? Please include their ages.
11. Do you live in a house, apartment or townhouse?
12. Do you currently own or rent?
13. If renting, do you have permission for a dog? Can we contact your landlord?
14. Tell us about your yard. How much area will the dog have?
15. Is your yard securely fenced? How many feet high is the fence? Do you padlock your gates?
16. If you have a pond or pool, is it fenced separately from the rest of the yard?
17. Do you, or does anyone in your household smoke?

**References and Feedback:**

1. Do you have a regular veterinarian? May we contact them for reference?
2. Do you have other references with whom you’d like us to speak? Please list contact info and relationship to you.
3. Do you belong to any breed, obedience, or agility clubs?
4. How did you learn of puppies available from Steadfast Standard Schnauzers?
5. Would you be willing to stay in contact with Steadfast's with periodic updates & pictures of your dog?
6. Have you read our Puppy Contract and Puppy Placement Process? Do you have any questions for us?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-mailed submissions can be signed later during your in-person visit to Steadfast Standard Schnauzer’s.