



## RESCUE / REHOMING APPLICATION FORM

Is there a Dog we have available that you are interested in? \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of all owners: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find us? Personal referral, web search, facebook? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you decide on an Australian Shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any previous experience with this breed or other working dog breeds?

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Are you prepared to attend an Obedience School Program if deemed necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the time to properly care for this dog with ample time for play & interaction & also to teach basic obedience and manners with consistency so the dog is well balanced and does not become a nuisance?

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What activities do you plan to be involved in with your Australian Shepherd?

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Are you currently on a waiting list for any other Dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

If Transportation Costs are required are you prepared to pay? (Flights, Road) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have plans to purchase or obtain another Dog / Puppy of the same or different breed in the next 12 months? Do you expect any major lifestyle changes in the next few years? Examples: New baby, moving, marriage, home renovation etc.

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Are you aware that the Australian Shepherd is a medium sized dog that sheds its "double coat" 1-2 times per year? Are you prepared to spend 10-15 mins a week giving a good brush over with an undercoat grooming rake and slicker brush to ensure all loose hair and any matts are removed?

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Do you have young children under the age of 6? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ages of your children, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

The Australian Shepherd is wonderful with children but they are not a stuffed toy. Are you willing to teach your child to properly respect the Dogs space, meal times and its need for periods of rest?

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What other pets, livestock, chooks or other animals do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you live in a Flat, Town House, Family Residence or on Acreage? \_\_\_\_\_

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The area you live in is best described as: City, Suburban, Rural or Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent or own your residence? \_\_\_\_\_

If you Rent do you have permission to have a Dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the approximate size/dimensions of the fenced area of your yard where the Dog will be kept? Pictures may be required: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the type and material of your fence (wood, chainlink etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the height of your fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the Dog Sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

If outside are you aware that the Australian Shepherd is a working dog and has strong guarding instincts - this can lead to him/her becoming a 'barker' if left outside alone at night - if this occurs are you prepared to take measures to ensure the dog ceases barking such as bringing inside the house, a shed or laundry ?

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How will you alleviate any boredom issues (this is a VERY smart breed!) that may eventuate during the day should you be at work or out?

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Who cares for your pets when you are away on vacation or out of town?

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Who will have primary responsibility for the care of this Dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you generally aware of the costs associated with the proper long term care of a Medium sized dog? (Immunisations, 3 Monthly Worming, Unforseen Veterinary Care, Good Quality Dog Food):

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Have you ever given up a dog to its Breeder, to a shelter or pound or given it away to another home? If so, why?

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Do you understand that in the event you cannot keep the Dog that we must be notified FIRST so we are able to assist you in rehoming him or her and/or have him/her returned to us?

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This is a working and herding breed. The instinct to chase is strong. What are your plans to ensure your dog is secured at all times in your own yard?

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Do you understand you are legally liable for accidents, death or injury to others caused by your dog if it escapes or is allowed to roam?

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Are you aware that dogs in vehicles must travel restrained at all times either in a secured crate or in a properly fitted car harness? Failure to comply is an offence that can lead to hefty fines and loss of points

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If you live on acreage or near livestock are you aware that if your dog escapes and chases stock farmers are allowed to shoot the dog on sight - no questions asked?

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for completing this Application Form. We will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Our decisions are based strictly on what is in the best interest of the dog & debates will not be entered into should you be unsuccessful.**

**The Australian Shepherd Association of NSW Inc RESCUE & REHOMING TEAM**