

SELF-ANALYSIS PRIOR TO THE ACQUISITION OF A PUPPY

This is a private self-analysis to evaluate your capacity, time, space and reaction to the acquisition of an Amare de Domi Canes puppy. This is not a contract, and does not bind either party to anything. But it is advisable to answer honestly, read the recommendations carefully and keep them in mind, since the acquisition of a pet always necessarily implies a long-term relationship. You have to be responsible with him and with society, and there are even legal implications if you don't satisfy them correctly.

To consider:

- Animals should not be a gift, it is a commitment that the whole family must accept and desire.
- All living beings require food and, therefore, to perform their needs properly. You must be responsible for their bowel movements and pick up the droppings and/or pour a little soapy water over the urine.
- Dogs are social animals. You must go outside to socialize with other people and/or animals. Find playmates for your puppy, their size and/or age
- Find out in advance about all their needs, care, food, level of activity, possible illnesses, etc.
- Spaying/neutering of the pet is recommended. In some autonomous communities (such as Catalonia) it is mandatory.
- Always keep the contact information linked to the microchip updated so that, in the event of loss, it can return to you as soon as possible.
- Small dogs have an average life expectancy of 15 to 20 years
- The puppy is a sentient being, with protected legal rights. It must be treated with respect and affection, and if it cannot be done due to the circumstances, find a new home for it as soon as possible. At Amare de Domi Canes we take care of it in case you can no longer take care of it.

Commitments that are acquired with a new family member:

- You must take care of all civil liability of the dog for damages that he could cause (house insurance or specific pet insurance)
- Animal abuse is criminally prohibited (cutting tails and ears is considered abuse). In addition, they will not be used for experimentation, fights, breeding, hunting or shows.
- Adequate food will be given to the puppy's age and circumstances. Always high-end food until adulthood, at the very least. In the right amount for his age and size.

- He will be offered the right exercise for his size, needs and age. Going outside to relieve yourself is not exercise.
- Assume the cost of veterinary services throughout their lives, at all stages. Take charge of any intervention that may be needed in the future, regardless of the subsequent claim, if applicable, to the breeder.
- Give him the appropriate education, teaching or training for his correct coexistence with other beings. If we cannot give them ourselves, find a professional to help us
- Maintain proper grooming, daily combing, periodic baths, etc. If you cannot provide them yourself, find a professional to help us.

SELF-ANALYSIS

Preparation

1. Why do I want this puppy? Is he a suitable breed for me and my lifestyle?
2. Have I documented his needs, care, usual illnesses or ailments, activity level, life expectancy, etc.?
3. How much real, quality time do I have to spend with my puppy? (Quality = active play and walk, with direct interaction with the puppy)
4. Male or female? What are the differences?
5. Am I aware that he is a living being and his size, weight, color and other physical and psychological characteristics can change over time?
6. Have I had any type of animal before? Do I have experience taking care of puppies? Have I read a book/blog or taken a course?

Family and Home

1. Do I have the house ready for the arrival of the puppy? (Remove carpets, fence balconies, acquire playpens, raise ornamental plants to greater heights, remove cables or dangerous objects from their reach, etc.)
2. If I live for rent, am I allowed to have pets?
3. If I live in a house or ground floor, do I have the exterior properly fenced? Do stray animals enter my garden?

4. Is there a specific place in the house for the puppy? Where will the puppy sleep?
5. Does everyone in the house agree with the new addition to the family? Do they have experience caring for animals?
6. Are there other animals at home? Are they compatible with dogs? Will the animal in our home accept the new arrival?
7. How many people are going to actually care for the puppy? Of these, how many are responsible minors?
8. If you go on vacation, will you travel with the dog? Will he stay with a family member or friend? Have you looked at any dog hotels? Have you visited it and asked about its rates, treatments, etc.?
9. If you get sick or are admitted to the hospital, who is going to take care of the dog?
10. In case of separation or divorce, who will take care of the dog?
11. Do I have enough finances to comfortably support a new family member?
12. Is there any relative with allergies to animals? What would happen if I or someone in the family developed an allergy to dogs?
13. In case I am thinking of moving abroad now or in the future, what will happen to the puppy?
14. In the event of the arrival of a baby in the family, what would happen to the puppy?
15. In the event of death or disability in the family, what would happen to the puppy?
16. What kind of life do I have on weekends? Does the dog have a place in them?

Care and Commitments

1. What kind of food am I going to give him? (natural food or feed) How many times a day can I feed him? (Recommended up to one year of life is 3 times a day)
2. Who is going to take him out for a walk? How many times a day? Where? Is there a park or green area near home? How long?
3. Who is going to comb your hair every day? How are we going to maintain your grooming?
4. Who will bathe him, cut his nails, clean his ears and teeth? How many times a month?
5. Do we have a chosen hairdresser? Have we visited the dog groomer and asked about their rates, treatments, etc.?
6. If we are not able to manage the behavior of the puppy. Do we know where to turn? Have we consulted a trainer/ethologist and known their rates, treatments, courses, etc.?

7. Am I aware that in his puppy/adolescent stage he can break something in the house? Am I aware that in his puppy stage he might not meet his needs where we expected?

Health

1. Do we already have a selected veterinarian? Have we visited the vet and asked about their rates, treatments, etc?

2. Am I going to spay or neuter him? When would you perform the intervention? Have I informed myself of all the pros and cons? What is the cost of the intervention? What is the recovery time?

3. Have I informed myself about the vaccines and deworming that he will need? And the cost of these treatments?

If you have doubts about these or other issues, you can contact us at tel. 626.54.54.75 or at amaredededomicanes@gmail.com. When you are 100% sure and ready for the acquisition of a new family member, we will be here to advise and help you.