

## **PUPPY APPLICATION**

If you are interested in a puppy from Zink Ranch Mini Americans, please fill out this puppy inquiry form as a way of introducing yourself to us, giving us information about you before we contact you by telephone. This form also explains what kind of homes we choose to place our puppies in. Our first priority is that our puppies live full and happy lives in a home with people who love them. We try our best to place puppies only in the most loving and responsible of homes and this inquiry form helps us in that process.

Our puppies will always come back to us if they need to be re-homed- or to homes that we have approved who are willing to sign and honor our puppy care contract. Puppies placed as 'companion/pet only' cost less, will be spayed or neutered and are placed with limited registration. A limited registration only limits the dog from conformation events and breeding- though we strongly encourage obedience training for all of our dogs. Mini American's are a working breed and are happiest when they have a 'job' to do with/for their owners.

Zink Ranch Mini Americans requests that the following Application be filled out and returned to us by email at [zinkranchaussies@gmail.com](mailto:zinkranchaussies@gmail.com), before being considered. The main purpose of this application is to make sure you are prepared to add a puppy to your family. We have had some families, that didn't realize how much work a puppy is or how expensive it can be. We want what's best for you and the puppy, to make sure all involved are happy and satisfied.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children & ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION

Have you ever owned a Mini Aussie: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you know about this breed (temperament, health, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you looking for Pet-Companion puppy? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Are you looking for a show or breeding prospect? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

***\*If you are looking for a breeding prospect, We are not selling our puppies with breeding rights at this time.***

What is your first choice of puppy:

Sex: male \_\_\_ female \_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your second choice of puppy:

Sex: male \_\_\_ female \_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or anyone in your home allergic to dogs? Yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If yes, have you seriously considered how this might affect your allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent your home: own \_\_\_ rent \_\_\_

If you rent, does your land lord allows dogs, is there a weight/size/breed restriction?

What kind of home do you live in: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced yard, how will your Aussie be exercised: \_\_\_\_\_

When you and your Aussie are not in a fenced in safe area, will you keep it on a leash to prevent accidents? Yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Who will be primarily be responsible for this dogs care: \_\_\_\_\_

Is someone home during the day at your house? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours daily would the dog be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

If no one is at home during the days would you plan for someone to come into your home to let the puppy in and out during the potty training stage? (A Doggy daycare if run properly, can be an excellent choice for working new puppy parents as well.) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the kinds of personal situations where you might have to return your dog, i.e., job loss, children, move, marital change, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do if you could not keep the animal? Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel often? \_\_\_\_\_

How many weeks a year are you away from home, including vacation and other travel, such as work?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements will you make for the care of your dog while you're away? \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason you cannot keep your dog, do you agree to return the dog to me, his breeder? \_\_\_\_\_

Your puppy will need to be potty trained, are you prepared to train them? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

*House Training Your Puppy - Puppies need to be house trained in order to understand that it's not okay to eliminate in your house. House training is a simple process, but one that must be carried out positively (without punishment that scares the puppy) and consistently, following two main guidelines: 1) prevent indoor accidents through confinement and close supervision, and 2) take the puppy outside on a frequent and regular schedule and reward him for eliminating where you want him to go. House soiling can occur in any location in the home but sometimes pet parents will notice that their puppy soils more in certain locations, such as infrequently used rooms or on a specific kind of surface. Very young pups (under 12 weeks old) don't have complete bladder control and might not be able to hold it very long. Older puppies who have had accidents might not have been house trained completely.*

Do you have a crate to keep the puppy safe when you're gone? Yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Do you have food, water, collar, harness, leash and toys for the puppy? Yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If you currently don't have children, What will you do with your dog if you have children:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to be responsible for this dog for the next 13 years or more? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this dog be taken to the vet within 3 working days of the puppy being with you, to get set up on vaccinations and worming schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this dog be taken to the Vet on a regular basis for check-ups: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Please provide the name and address of your Veterinarian. We may contact them for a reference: If you do not have a vet, please find a vet and make arrangements with the vet for the puppies first vet visit.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your Aussie be an inside dog: yes\_\_ no \_\_

If your Aussie will be an outside dog, please understand that a young puppy should not be left outside alone and unattended until they are much older.

Where will your dog sleep at night: \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your dog when no one is at home: \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do if your dog exhibits dissatisfactory behavior, ie; barking, messing in the house, chewing, etc: \_\_\_\_\_

Does everyone in your home want a puppy: yes\_\_ no \_\_

Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training and boarding? Please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you read Zink Ranch's Mini Aussie Contract and agree to sign it upon picking up your puppy:  
yes \_\_ no \_\_

Please read the attached information about the Mini Aussie, so you can be familiar with this breed of dog.

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Zink Ranch Mini Americans reserves the right to void the contract and reclaim the animal. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received on this animal. I understand it is Zink Ranch Mini Americans prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that their decision is final.

Do you have any specific questions or comments ? We will call you to visit on the telephone after receipt of this application. Please be patient, a new litter of puppies absolutely consumes our time for the first few weeks and time for telephoning is scarce. But we will get to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your inquiry and for your patience.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION ABOUT ZINK RANCH MINI AMERICANS

Here is more information about us.

We are a family owned and operated breeder. Our dogs are raised on our farm, and the puppies are born in a heated/air conditioned building next to our home with constant supervision and plenty of love and care.

Our dogs range in size. They are all full blood Miniature Australian Shepherds/Miniature American Shepherds. They can weigh around 20# to 45# and measure in height from 15" to 18". I sell my puppies to people that want a family pet, on a spay and neuter contract. I let the puppies go to their new homes around 8 weeks old.

This is what we ask:

The dog/puppy is being sold as a pet, not a breeding animal. The prices listed are pet prices. Our pet prices range from: Bi's or Tri's - \$400 to \$800 Merle's - \$800 to \$1200. We require a non-refundable deposit of half of the purchase price to hold your puppy. Deposits are transferable to another puppy in the same litter or another litter, but they are not refundable. The deposit does go towards the purchase of the puppy. You need to have paid in full at the time of pick up or delivery. First come first serve on litter picks. We prefer cash but we do accept; PayPal or credit cards. We do not accept checks. You will need to add 4% to the total for PayPal and credit card service charges. If you want to breed one of our dogs/puppies, that will be discussed on a case by case basis. To purchase a pup/dog we require you to fill out our Puppy Application. We also have a contract that we will require you to sign at the time when you pick up your puppy.

Please go to my website at [www.zinkranch.net](http://www.zinkranch.net). go to the about us page and download the puppy application and the puppy contract. I ask that all my customers read the contract and fill out the application before putting a deposit down on a pup.

We ask for you to stay in touch with us via email or facebook. We LOVE updated pictures of the puppies and we love to hear stories. We reserve the right to not place our dogs/puppies to anyone we feel would not be the best fit for our dogs/puppies. We will not place our dogs/puppies at large breeding kennels.

This is what we provide:

A sample of puppy/dog food. Their tails will be docked and dew-claws removed. The dog/puppy will be up to date on all shots and wormings for its age, shot record when purchased. The puppies will be exposed to adults, children, teenagers, and other dogs. The puppy is started in litter box training at 4 weeks of age and usually is litter box trained by 8 weeks old. This helps with teaching the puppy to be house trained.

At 4 weeks old I put a litter box filled with pine pellets in their pen. Over the next few days I put their poop and paper towels of their potty in the litter box. After a few days they start to understand that is where they are supposed to go to the bathroom. (After a few days, once they get the smell of the box, I start cleaning the box daily. By the time they 8 weeks old they have it figured out 90% of the time.

We will deliver a pup or meet somewhere if it is a reasonable distance for an extra charge.

We always welcome visitors, so you can come see the puppies and their parents if you would like. We also have past customers you can talk to for referrals.

God has blessed us with this opportunity and we hope to pass on his blessings to others. Thank you for your inquiry, please don't hesitate to call or email us. Also please read our Aussie Info page for more information.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Thank you and God Bless

## About the Miniature American Shepherd:

### Temperament

Miniature Australian Shepherds are easygoing, perpetual puppies that love to play. Courageous, loyal and affectionate, they are excellent children's companions that are great with active children. A devoted friend and guardian. Very lively, agile and attentive, they are eager to please with a sixth sense about what the owner wants. Miniature Australian Shepherds are highly intelligent and easy to train. They can become nervous and destructive if left alone too much without enough mental and physical exercise. They need a job to do, as the breed is very intelligent, active and thus easily bored. Socialize your dog well when it is a puppy to avoid it becoming suspicious of strangers. Some like to nip people's heels in an attempt to herd them. They need to be taught herding humans is not acceptable. A fine companion, it also enjoys working small stock. They are quiet workers. This breed is not usually dog aggressive. Make sure you are this dog's firm, confident, consistent pack leader to avoid Small Dog Syndrome, human induced behavior problems. Always remember, dogs are canines, not humans. Be sure to meet their natural instincts as animals.

Miniature Height: 13 - 18 inches

Miniature Weight: 15 - 45 pounds

### Health Problems

The gene for the beautiful merle coloration also carries a blind/deaf factor. This may be expressed only in merle/merle crosses. The vast majority of merle North American Miniature Australian Shepherds are heterozygous merles (one parent is merle, the other is solid) and these merles are not at risk for any special health problems due to their coloration. Be sure to check the hearing on merle puppies. Hip and eye problems can occur. Ensure sire and dam of puppies have been tested and are certified clear prior to purchasing a puppy. Some herding dogs carry a MDR1 gene which makes them sensitive to certain drugs that are otherwise okay to give another dog, but if tested positive for this gene can kill them.

### Living Conditions

The Miniature Australian Shepherd will do okay in an apartment if it is sufficiently exercised. They are moderately active indoors and will do okay with a small yard. This breed will do well in cold climates.

### Exercise

The Mini Aussie needs to be taken on daily, long walks. This energetic little dog needs plenty of vigorous exercise to stay in shape, or better yet, some real work to do.

Life Expectancy About 12-13 years.

### Grooming

The coat of the Miniature Australian Shepherd is easy to groom and needs little attention. Brush occasionally with a firm bristle brush and bathe only when necessary. This breed is an average shedder.

### Origin

A breeding program to develop the Miniature Australian Shepherd (North American Miniature Australian Shepherd) was begun in 1968 using small Australian Shepherds. Breeders bred them down in size to produce a smaller dog and today continue to strive to produce a mirror image of the Australian Shepherd in a size that fits well into today's lifestyle, without sacrificing instinct, ability or character. The major club in the US is the Miniature Australian Club of the United States of America. MASCUSA, as the parent club, has petitioned the American Kennel Club for inclusion in AKC. The process of acceptance into AKC starts with registration into the AKC Foundation Stock Service. The Australian Shepherd Club of America has accepted the Miniature Australian Shepherd ONLY if the Miniature changes its name and has no reference of any kind to the Australian Shepherd or its history. A lot of Miniature Australian Shepherd owners are registering with AKC FSS. The AKC's official name is Miniature American Shepherd.

### Group

Herding