

Mesta Meadows, LLC



Rambouillet, Merino, and Cormo Sheep
Scottish Highland Beef Cattle



Mesta Meadows “Philosophy”

Mesta Meadows sells a very limited number of Great Pyreneese livestock guard dogs each year. Our focus is on providing Great Pyreneese who will be working livestock guard dogs, but who are also exceptional ‘companion dogs’ on the farm. We typically do not provide GP’s as pure ‘companion dogs’ since we feel they are happiest when they are engaged and working on a farm.

We raise the puppies to 8 weeks. We don’t keep them longer because we feel it is important that they are acclimated to their new home and that they bond with the livestock they will be guarding from a very young age. We will expose the puppies to cattle, sheep, and all of our livestock from about three weeks old forward. All puppies will have their first rabies shot, be dewormed, and vet checked prior to being released. We do require applications for all of our puppy placements.

Great Pyrenees Puppy Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Age: _____ Would you prefer _____ Male _____ Female _____ Either sex

PART I: LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS

Which type of livestock/poultry will the dog be guarding (sheep, goats, cattle, poultry, waterfowl, emu, alpaca, ostrich, horses, other)?

Will the dog also be a companion dog? _____ Children (ages, _____)
_____ Adults _____ Elderly

Other companion animals in the home (species, breeds, sexes, ages and temperaments)? _____

Type and height of fencing and area enclosed? _____

Will the dog be with stock or in a perimeter fence? Will the dog be only outside, or both inside and outside? Please explain: _____

Will there be a lot of visitors to your home/farm, or only on occasion? Will the visitors have access to the area the dog guards? _____

Why do you want this particular breed instead of another livestock guardian breed? _____

PART II: COMPANION DOGS/HOME GUARDIANS

Have you ever owned a large working breed of dog before? _____ Which breeds? _____

What other dogs have you owned/trained? _____

What happened to any previous dogs? _____

Do you currently have any other pets at home? _____ If so, what other species, breeds, sexes and ages are they? _____

Will the dog be alone during the day or night? _____

If the dog will be alone, what provisions do you plan to make, and where will the dog be kept? _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

Who will the dog be a companion to? _____ Adults _____ Children, ages _____

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care? _____

Who will train the dog? _____

Do you own your home? _____ If you rent your home, is your landlord aware of your intention to purchase a Great Pyrenees and is he/she in agreement? _____

Type and height of fenced area _____

In order to select a pup that is most compatible with you and your family, please describe your own temperament and activities. Which activities do you expect to have your dog participate in? _____

How much activity does your home have? _____

Are there many visitors? _____

Is everyone in your home in agreement about the puppy? _____

Why do you want a guard dog rather than a companion dog like a Golden Retriever or Newfoundland? _____

Why do you want a Livestock Protection Dog instead of another guard dog breed such as a German Shepherd or Rottweiler? _____

Why do you want this particular breed instead of another livestock guardian breed? _____

Which of the following temperaments do you prefer? _____ Quiet/submissive _____ Steady/even-tempered _____ Playful/Lively/Energetic _____ Assertive/protective _____ Aggressive _____ Independent/ Self- confident

What expectations do you have for your dog? _____

Do you have nearby neighbors? _____ Do you know how they will feel about your owning a guard dog? _____

Are you aware of the laws governing dogs and owner responsibilities in your area, town? _____

Are you prepared to keep your dog indoors if it becomes a nuisance barker? _____

PART III: LIVESTOCK AND COMPANION DOG

Spay/neutered dogs usually make better livestock guardian dogs and companions. They guard just as well or better than intact dogs. Bitches in heat must be confined for three weeks or longer every six to eight months and have been known to be irritable with both people, livestock and other animals. Males can be distracted from their stock when a female is in season nearby and can also be more irritable with people, livestock, other animals. Dog breeding is time-consuming and provides little profit when done carefully and properly. Careful placement of pups is essential for a successful integration with new families and livestock. Breeders should be able to raise and test their dogs with livestock in order to verify that those traits are important in livestock protection are maintained. Dedicated and responsible breeders are welcome.

Do you plan to breed your dog if he/she qualifies as breeding quality? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe
Preferred coat and/or color? _____

Sexual preference? _____ Male _____ Female _____ Either

Please list any other traits you consider important for your dog to have: _____

To be considered for one of our Great Pyrenees puppies please fill out and return this application at your earliest convenience.

Return to:

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