

**PAWSNCLAWS, INC. QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR PROSPECTIVE BEAUCERON & MALINOIS OWNERS**

Is The Beauceron or Malinois the Right Dog For you?

Are you interested in a Malinois or Beauceron? _____

A new dog means added responsibilities. If you have decided to purchase a dog, remember that owning a dog can either be the beginning of years of happiness, or the beginning of an overwhelming responsibility for which you are not prepared. When you bring a Beauceron or Malinois into your family you make a commitment to raise, train, and care for your dog throughout his lifetime. This can often mean a responsibility that spans the next 10-15 years. The following questions will help you in deciding if the breed characteristics of the Beauceron or Malinois makes him the right breed for you. Please return a copy of this completed questionnaire to us if , you want to proceed to the next step of Beauceron or Malinois ownership.

Do you have the emotional stability and staying power to be a responsible owner for the lifetime of your dog?
_____.

What Will be the Dog's Living Situation?

Do You Have a Fenced Yard? _____. Do you have enough space to house the dog properly?
_____. How will you keep the dog under control? _____. Barking and free-roaming dogs are a nuisance to neighbors, endanger the dog, and dog laws forbid it. Do you own or rent your home? _____. If you rent, will your landlord be willing to sign a statement allowing you to keep a Beauceron in the house? _____.

Do You Have Time to Socialize and Train Your Malinois or Beauceron?

The Beauceron or Malinois is an active, intelligent large dog that requires early exposure to different people and dogs so that he will be accepting later in life. The Beauceron or Malinois requires training to channel his energy into useful activities. A puppy socialization or puppy kindergarten class is recommended for your Beauceron or Malinois puppy. Formal obedience training in a group obedience class will help your Beauceron or Malinois become a welcome member of the human community.

How will you teach him the rules of the house? Chewing, barking, digging, house soiling, etc, are normal dog behaviors. Dogs usually continue these behaviors until effectively trained. Can your family accept this and be patient, kind and consistent during the teaching process? _____

Please list any prior dog training experience, breeds owned, and what happened to these dogs.

Have you ever crate-trained a puppy? _____ What are your feelings on crate-training? _____

Are you a member of any breed clubs - regional, national, or international? _____ If yes, what clubs?

Can You Afford a Dog?

Have you considered the costs involved in caring for a dog? _____.

A new dog is a lifetime commitment and the cost of his care is a necessary consideration. Will your budget allow for the cost of food and veterinary care including annual veterinary visits for preventative vaccinations and physical exams? _____.

Will you be a responsible dog owner by providing vaccinations and spaying or neutering your pet? _____.

Will a Beauceron Fit Into Your Lifestyle?

The Beauceron and Malinois like to play hard and needs daily exercise. Daily walks will not satisfy him - unless you are an avid runner who jogs 5 miles a day with your dog! A fenced yard is necessary to provide a safe area for you to exercise your dog. Many Beauceron and Malinois enjoy playing retrieve games.

Do you have enough time and energy for daily activities? _____. Will it be difficult to spend the time (and money) to train and exercise? _____. Will the dog blend into your routine or will it become an annoyance or burden?

Who will be the one to walk, feed, clean-up after, train, play with and groom the dog, get him licensed and provide medical care? Be realistic, it's a job for adults or responsible older children. If you have children, can you teach them to be respectful of the new puppy? _____

How many hours a day will your Beauceron or Malinois be left alone? _____.

Do you work Full Time? _____ Are there family members at home full time? _____. The Beauceron's and Malinois' high activity level and keen intelligence are characteristics that can get him into trouble if boredom sets in. While many people must leave their Beauceron or Malinois alone for eight hours while they go to their jobs, the successful owner limits activities that would keep him away from his dog after work. The Beauceron and Malinois like to be included in all your activities so if you like jogging, hiking, running biking, obedience training, nature, and the out of doors then the Beauceron or Malinois may be a good choice for your lifestyle. However, if you often work extended hours, and are already over committed to family and friends then perhaps this is not a good time to be considering a dog at all.

Do you have any children? _____. If so, what are their ages, and have they been exposed to dogs in the past? _____.

Were there ever any problems with your children and dogs? _____

Your Expectations and Goals For Your Beauceron or Malinois Puppy?

What made you interested in the Beauceron or Malinois breed? _____

What are you looking for in a dog? _____

Are you looking for a dog of a certain size and conformation and markings? _____

Is the sex important to you (male or female)? _____

Are you interested in breeding Beauceron or Malinois? ____ Or if not, are you planning to spay/neuter? ____.

What type of personality are you wanting in your Beauceron or Malinois?

(Confident) (Outgoing & Friendly with Strangers) (Energetic) (Lazy) (Aloof with Strangers) (Aggressive) (Appropriately Protective) (Playful) (Easy To Train) (Loyal) (Hyperactive) (Indifferent to Strangers) (Good with Children) (Good with Small Animals) (Likes to Retrieve/Play Ball) (Likes to Play Tug-a-war Games) (Not Playful) (Sensitive to your commands and corrections) (Hard Dog, taking harder corrections) (Dominant Dog) (Mellow, Calm Dog) (Moderately Active) (Very, very Active..always ready to go)

Other: _____

Are you planning to train your dog in Sport (French Ring, Schutzhund, MondioRing, NAPD, KNVP, etc)? _____.

Are you planning to train your dog for Search and Rescue or Service Dog Work (Therapy, Guide Dog, Hearing Dog, etc)? _____.

Are you planning to train your dog towards Obedience, Tracking, Herding or Agility Competitions? _____.

Are you planning to compete in Conformation Showing with your dog? _____.

What are your plans for socializing and training your puppy? _____. When do you plan to begin obedience training? _____. Are you planning to attend a puppy kindergarten class with your puppy for early socializing? _____.

Is a Puppy the Right Choice For You?

Many individuals do not have the extra time nor the expertise required to raise, socialize, and train a young puppy and would prefer to start with an older puppy or young adult. Adults and older puppy Beaucerons and Malinois may be available occasionally from our breeding due to owner have a change of circumstance and also through our French importing service.

Also, through Rescue Programs there are occasional adults and older puppies up for adoption. We at Les Ombres Valeureux operate in the Rescue Networks and foster dogs in need of adoption. Please contact us about possible rescue dogs and older puppies as well.

Please complete this questionnaire and return it to us if you are interested in Beauceron, Malinois and our dogs.

I have read and understand this questionnaire

Signature

Date

Please Print:

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

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