

Black Velvet Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Potential Puppy Owner Application

We are excited you are interested in a Black Velvet Greater Swiss Mountain Dog (Swissy) for your family. We strive to produce quality Swissys with sound temperament and excellent health through a careful breeding program. Once on the ground, we support our puppies by providing outstanding early socialization and training before they are thoughtfully placed in their homes. Please answer all the questions in this application as completely as possible (using as much room as you need), to aid us in matching you with a puppy that will best suit your family's lifestyle.

Household Info

Name:

Address:

Primary home phone:

Secondary home phone:

Primary cell phone:

Secondary cell phone:

Primary email:

Secondary email:

Please list the names, ages & occupations of all members of your household:

Please list the name, type and ages of any other pets in your household (including species other than canine):

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? If yes, describe how you will manage symptom control with the addition of a Swissy (e.g. meds, air filtration, dog stays outside, dog can be separated in home, etc.).

Is everyone in your home interested in getting a Swissy?

Are you planning to add a baby, child, or additional puppy or dog to your home in the next 24 months?

Are you willing to allow myself and/or a designee make a home visit?

Do you live in a: HOUSE? CONDO? APARTMENT?

Do you: OWN? RENT?

If you rent, please provide written authorization from your landlord permitting your ownership of a Swissy dog to live with you where you are renting.

How many stairs lead to, and are within your home?		
Do you have any plans to relocate?	When?	Where?
Do you have a yard?	YES	NO
If yes:		
Is it fenced?	Please describe fencing (e.g. front yard, 4' high, etc.)	
Please describe any available shaded areas in the yard:		
Do you have a pool?	A Fish Pond(s)?	A spa/hot tub?
Where do you plan to keep your adult Swissy:		
During the day?		At night?
When you are away, how will you provide for your adult Swissy - who will care for it and where?		
What type of vehicle do you plan to use to transport your Swissy?		

Previous Dogs

<p>What dogs, if any, have you and your spouse/partner owned in the past, and what was their age, were they spayed/neutered, and what were the circumstances of their passing?</p> <p>Breed? Age? Spayed/Neutered? Circumstances of passing?</p>
<p>What activities have you done with your dog(s) in the past:</p>
<p>Have you ever returned a dog to its breeder, rehomed a dog, or relinquished a dog to a shelter? If so, please tell us about those circumstances, adding additional pages if necessary.</p>

Your Potential Swissy

Do you prefer a: MALE? FEMALE? EITHER?

Do you have a size preference?

If a puppy is available for you, how do you intend to pick it up (e.g. drive to get it, fly puppy out in cargo, etc.)?

Why do you wish to obtain a dog or puppy at this particular time?

Why do you want a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog?

Based on your experience or understanding of the breed, please tell us how a Swissy will be compatible with your family's lifestyle:

What are your expectations regarding the activity level of a Swissy?

Have you researched the health issues that can affect Swissys? Please tell us a little about what you know:

If you have previously owned a Swissy, please describe your experience; if you have not owned a Swissy, please describe any encounters you have had with the breed:

Please circle all interests you have for your Swissy:

Companionship	Obedience	Therapy work
Guard dog	Carting / Draft work	Showing (conformation)
Breeding	Agility	Swimming/Water work
Tracking/Scent work	Hiking	Jogging/Running
Skiing/Skijoring	Other:	

How do you plan to exercise your Swissy, and how often?

Who will be the primary caretaker of your Swissy?

How much do you plan to spend annually to feed, supplement, vaccinate, train, groom, and provide routine and emergency veterinary care for your Swissy?

Are you prepared for and aware that as a large breed, all veterinary procedures can be much more expensive than for average and smaller sized dogs?

What are your feelings on spaying/neutering your Swissy?

Your Puppy

How do you plan to socialize your puppy?

Are you willing to commit to a minimum of two sets of training & socialization classes for your puppy so that it will become a good canine citizen and enjoyable companion?

Where? When? Please provide trainer's name, organization, and phone number.

What will you do when your puppy does something you don't like?

What would you do if the undesirable behavior continued after doing everything you described above?

How many hours is your puppy going to be alone during the day and what is your plan to provide for elimination, feeding and exercise during your absence?

Do you plan to crate train your Swissy puppy? If yes, please describe when you would you use a crate for your puppy?

Have you ever crate trained a puppy before?

How long would your puppy be in a crate each day?

How do you plan to exercise your puppy? How often?

How do you plan to groom your puppy? How often?

Who will be your veterinarian? Are they familiar with Swissys?

Black Velvet Info

How did you hear about Black Velvet Swissys?

For our records, do you agree to:

- have your dog's **hips and elbows** X-rayed when s/he reaches 2 years of age, (or before if we request it);
- have your dog's **heart** checked by a certified cardiologist; and,
- have your dog's **eyes** checked by a certified veterinary ophthalmologist?

As a breeder, we want to provide you with a healthy, long-lived, wonderful companion who has the capacity to participate in all the activities the Swissy is known for. Dog shows exist in large part to help get us there. They bring dogs together, helping keep breeders and fanciers in touch with a "live" standard by which we can measure our progress and make changes to our breeding programs. Without participation and a collective aim for consistent standards, we will at best dilute, and at worst loose, our purebred dogs as we know and love them. We respectfully ask that you consider supporting us in that endeavor.

Are you willing to consider showing and/or allowing us to show (and/or, if appropriate, possibly breed) your Swissy so that we can sustain our contribution to this wonderful breed (terms, etc., to be discussed)?

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Name of person completing application:

Signature:	Date:
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Thank you for taking the time to share your information with us. It will be kept for our confidential use only. Please note that completion of this form does not constitute the guarantee or promise of a puppy. Our choice of puppy owners is based entirely on the knowledge we have of each particular puppy and our personal judgments of the most appropriate home for each of them. The more we learn about you and your family, the better position we are in to place a puppy that will suit your lifestyle and position our dogs to thrive in their homes. Thank you.

Please send this form via email: mac@dogtrainhumane.com, or via fax: 415-729-1665.