

MadRiver Tollers
Puppy Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in a MadRiver Toller. This questionnaire is designed to help you decide if a Toller is the right breed for you and to help us determine if we have a suitable puppy for you.

Completing this survey does not guarantee any individual/family a place on our waiting list, nor does it constitute an agreement between the individual/family filling it out and MadRiver Tollers. Further discussion, (if possible) in-person or on-line visits as well as references are also required and encouraged.

Puppies will be matched with their future owners primarily on the basis of temperament, energy level, and specific needs that the future owner may require. Gender preferences may result in a puppy not being available despite there being pups of that gender in the litter. Every attempt will be made to work with the families to ensure the best match.

MadRiver follows a limited vaccination protocol. We will only place our pups in homes where the vaccination protocol recommended by Dr. Jean Dodds (<http://www.hemopet.org/education.html>) will be followed. If you are not familiar with limited vaccine protocols, please ask for more details.

We also feed and recommend a raw diet. If feeding a raw diet is not possible for you, a high quality, grain-free kibble may be substituted.

Priority will be given to individuals/families that have a fenced yard, will follow a limited vaccination protocol, and are planning to work their Tollers either by hunting or participating in dog sports (e.g., competitive obedience, field/hunt tests, agility, tracking, etc.).

Please note that the “non-breeding” contract will have a requirement to attend at least 2 formal “instructor led” obedience classes with your new puppy. Everyone in the home will be encouraged to participate. This is to ensure that the puppy’s socialization is optimized, that everyone is familiar with and learns common house manners and rules and of course so that everyone can get out and have fun together!

Please feel free to elaborate on any of your answers as much as you’d like. If there is more that you want us to know, please share! It is very important to us to find the best possible homes for our puppies.

If anything changes e.g., you get a puppy elsewhere or circumstances changes and you would not get a dog, please let us know.

Contact

Name:

Full Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell phone:

Email Address(es):

Please tell us more about YOU!

Your Family

1. How many people live in your household?
 - a. ___ adults , professions
 - b. ___ children (ages)
 - i. How familiar are the children in your household with the handling and care of a dog?
___not applicable ___ have had dogs previously ___ friends/family have dogs
___little experience around dogs ___ no experience with dogs
 - ii. Have the children had any bad experiences with dogs? If yes, please describe the experience(s).
 - iii. Are they nervous or fearful of dogs?
 - c. Do you foresee any problems adding a puppy to your household? ___ yes ___ no ___ not sure
2. Who will be the primary caretaker of the dog?
3. Will your dog be crate trained?
4. Do you currently own any pets?
 - a. If yes, please tell us about them (animal, breed, age, etc)
5. Have you previously owned a dog?
 - a. If you previously owned but no longer have a dog, what happened to the dog?
 - b. Have you ever had any behavioural issues with previous dogs? If yes, please provide more details and describe how you handled the problem.
 - c. Have you ever had to re-home a dog or turn one over to an animal shelter?

Your Home

6. Do you live in a ___ house ___ duplex ___ condo ___apartment ___other (please specify)
7. Where do you reside? ___ city ___small town ___ rural area ___other (please specify)
8. Do you rent or own your home?
 - a. If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to live with a dog?
9. Does your home have a fully fenced and secure yard? (Some Tollers are escape artists!)

10. Where will this dog live? ___ in the house ___ outside ___ kennel or dog run

Health

11. Tollers are a breed that sheds. Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs?

12. Please give the name and address of the veterinarian you plan on using to help care for your Toller.

13. Does this veterinarian support limited vaccinations and raw diets?

14. Does anyone in your household smoke?

15. Where do you think you would be most likely to buy your pet food?

___ grocery store ___ pet store ___ veterinarian ___ natural pet food supplier ___ make my own

16. Are you willing to discuss a vaccination schedule for your puppy with your breeder?

17. Are you willing to spay/neuter this dog?

Puppy – New family member

18. Which gender do you prefer? Why?

19. How did you first learn about Tollers? What characteristics about this breed do you like, and why do you think this is the breed for you?

20. Have you ever met and interacted with a Toller?

21. Tollers are intelligent, active dogs who need mental stimulation and regular exercise. Describe what a week day and weekend currently looks like for your family. What would you expect to change when you bring a new puppy into your family?

22. What activities do you plan to pursue with this dog?

___ pet ___ hunting companion ___ obedience training/trialing ___ agility/fly-ball ___ conformation showing
___ breeding ___ other (please specify)

Do you have any experience training a dog in any of the above? If so, can you please tell us more?

23. Bored Tollers will find trouble. Tired Tollers are good Tollers! Are you familiar with the exercise requirements of this sporting dog breed?

___ yes ___ no ___ not sure

24. What energy level do you want in your Toller? ___ high ___ medium ___ low Why?

25. How do you plan to train this dog?
 attend professional classes get someone else to train I am a professional trainer
 train the dog myself not too worried about training
26. Is there someone home during the day?
 yes no sometimes part of the day
27. How much time would the dog normally spend home alone each day?
 less than 2 hours 2–4 hours 4–6 hours 6–8 hours more than 8 hours
28. All puppies, regardless of breed, require more attention and more frequent potty breaks than adult dogs. What arrangements will make for your puppy when no one is at home?
29. Where will your Toller stay when you are on vacation?
30. Are you aware of the specific health concerns of this breed and the health checks that should be done prior to breeding?
 yes no doesn't really matter to me no, but I would like more information
31. Are you willing to keep in touch with the breeder with regular updates on your puppy's health and progress via photos, emails, letters, and telephone calls?
32. Are you willing to commit to at least eight weeks of obedience training to ensure that your puppy becomes a good canine citizen?
33. Would you be willing to have your dog tested for health issues known to affect Tollers even if he/she is displaying no symptoms?
34. Why MadRiver Tollers? Is there anything in particular which drew you to our kennel?
35. Have you contacted other kennels? If so, would you mind telling me who they are?
36. When are you looking to get a puppy in your home... within next 3 mths, between 3 and 6 mths. Are you willing to wait for a MadRiver puppy or would you like help in finding another responsible breeder?
37. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself or your family?
38. References – Names, Address and Contact information

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any questions for us or anything else to add, please do so. We appreciate any and all feedback! Please keep in touch with us. If you decide on a different breed or to get a puppy from another breeder, please let us know.

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