**Northern Inuit Society of America’s (NISA) Potential Owner Questionnaire form**

**Reference: NISA’s Potential Adoptee Questionnaire /Application Form on behalf of NISA Registered Breeder.**

Breeder: ‘Breeders Name’

Location:

Waitlist Litter year:

‘Kennel Affix name’ website:

Thank you for your interest in adopting one of ‘Kennel Affix name’ Northern Inuit’s wonderful Northern Inuit puppies!

‘Kennel Affix name’ is a NISA registered breeder.

This questionnaire/application form will provide valuable information that will only be used to determine if the applicant’s adoption eligibility meets both NISA’s and the breeder’s own adoption requirements in order to qualify for a registered Pedigreed Northern Inuit puppy. The applicant’s information is also important as it is also used to help the breeder match the puppy to the family dynamics, lifestyle and personality of the approved candidate once the application process has been completed.

Please answer the questions as best as you can giving us as much detail as possible, feel free to elaborate as much as you would like. It will be very important for applicants to be honest with their answers in order for a successful match up of adoptee to fur baby.

Once you have completed this form please return or submit it as soon as possible to:

 Breeder’s email address:

Please also cc your questionnaire to:

info@northerninuitsocietyofamerica.org

\*\*Please remember to put in the subject line: **Completed questionnaire application form for ‘Insert Breeder’s kennel name’ ‘insert year’ waitlist.**

Once your questionnaire has been reviewed and approved by the breeder, you will receive a call from either the breeder or a Northern Inuit Society of America (NISA) admin staff member to collect your application /processing fee of $375.00 or $475 (for applications with a co-owner) over the phone.

# **SECTION 1: Basic Owner Information**

Today’s Date: Waitlist year:

1. Please provide a **good contact phone number** and the address of where the dog will be living. (This is the phone number we will use to contact you and go over your answers to this questionnaire.)

Full Name (of future primary dog owner):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

PHONE NUMBERS: (Cell): (Home or secondary contact): Spouse:

Primary Email Address:

**What is the Best time/day for the breeder or NISA staff member to contact you to accept your application/processing fee?**

## **Co-Owner’s Information: If you will be the only owner please proceed to Section 2**

***What is a Co-owner?***  *If you would like to co-own your puppy understand that this is a legal status. In the event that you and your co-owner separate (i.e. divorce) the co-owner will be allowed to legally dispute ownership and/or custody of the dog in court. An additional background check will be required for the co-owner bringing the processing fee up to $475.00. If you will be the only owner, you will not be contractually allowed to transfer ownership of your dog to another person without notification and permission from the Northern Inuit Society of America and written permission from the breeder. This is in order to prevent these special dogs from going to shelters or puppy mills and for the Northern Inuit Society of America to be able to track the dog’s health and welfare.*

Co-Owner’s Name (if any): Co-Owner’s Email Address:

Co-Owner’s Phone Number:

Co-owner’s full mailing address *if different from primary owner’s address*. (no PO Boxes please, unless adoptee is stationed overseas):

\*\* Once your application payment has been submitted to NISA, the applicant will receive a consent to run screening email from the screening company; please complete their online form and re-submit back to the company as soon as possible. The screening results usually take anywhere from 1-15 days to come back to us depending on the state and county. You will be notified by the breeder if there are any concerns regarding the results of your screening.

The breeder will contact you with your waitlist number after the screening process has been completed. Approximately 5-30 days after you have submitted your completed online consent form back to ‘Choice Screening’ for NISA. (The Breeder is not allowed to give any applicant an official waitlist number until the application process as well as the screening processing has been completed and approved by NISA, so please be patient and allow the breeder to contact *you* first. Please contact NISA or your Breeder if you have not received your screening consent to run screening form email, just in case we have mis-spelled your email. Please remember that you are not on the official waitlist until your clear/pass screening results get back to NISA & the breeder, so expediency with your submission is important.

Feel free to contact us by email if you have any questions or concerns.

# **SECTION 2: Household Information**

1. Are all your household family members and especially your spouse on board/happy to have a new puppy in the household?

\*\* (It only takes one person in the household with negative feelings towards the puppy to affect negatively and influence how well or not your puppy does in training and will affect the puppy’s general demeanor and behavior (s). It is very important that everyone in your household really wants and likes the puppy, not afraid of the puppy, takes part in the training/raising aspect of the puppy’s life and love your new puppy as a member of your family. \*Your puppy will very quickly sense and know who does not really like him or her and like any small child will be hurt emotionally and can become emotionally damaged by it which could affect and does often lead to behavioral issues later on and into adulthood.

1. Will this be your first dog? If not, what experience do you have with housetraining puppies?

\*\*(This is important as much time and patience is needed to train a puppy for the first 5-6 months, Northern Inuits are not recommended for the novice dog owner).

2a. What is the profession of the primary owner(s) of this dog and what are your work hours per day?

3. Describe the personality/age/activity level/ are you shy or outgoing, do you have a structured schedule or is your schedule different every day, are you very active or do you prefer to relax after your workday, etc.?

4. How did you hear about this breed of dog?

5. Describe the environment that the dog will be living in. (house or apartment, loud with many people or quiet with only a couple living together, inner city, suburbs, country)

6. Do you have children, if so, what are their ages?

7. Do you have other pets, if so, what type of pet, their ages and temperaments personalities?

8. What are you looking for in a dog?

9. Do you have a fenced in yard? (These dogs need space).

10. Are you an avid Gardner? (These dogs like to dig holes especially if you have ground squirrels or moles, etc.)

11. Do you have a busy work schedule? If so, what time would you be able to give this dog for training and socialization and, of course, snuggle time?

12. Do you have a place in your area where they allow dogs to run off leash? (Northern Inuits like to have “off-leash” experiences and you cannot fully exercise this dog on a leash)

13. Are you active/retired military or a military veteran? If you are actively in the military, what is your family care plan in regard to your dog if you are PCS’ed overseas or deployed?

14. Do you or anyone in your household have any major medical or behavioral health problems? (Northern Inuits can make great therapy/service dogs and we just want to know in order to match you with a puppy that has a temperament suited for these needs.

15. Do you have any felonies or ever been accused or convicted of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect?

16. Are you a breeder or are you planning to breed your Northern Inuit Puppy? (We do not sell our pups to breeders, pet shops, or puppy mills. These pups are sold as pets only and may not be used for breeding purposes without written expressed permissions/contracts from NISA and the breeder.)

17. Are you on another Northern Inuit dog breeder’s wait list? If so, which breeder?

18. Do you have a preference of male or female?

19. Are you financially able and ready to take on the responsibility of a new puppy such as the Northern Inuit?

20. Will you have an emergency puppy expense bank account or rainy-day acct set up to cover expenses such as pet insurance, veterinary wellness plan costs, food, shelter and even training expenses?

21. What is your emergency back-up plan in case of an emergency such as you have to be away for a while, fire, flood, illness etc?

22. Are you going to register your dog with the county that you live in, so that in the event of an escape or situation local animal control is involved they have a record of this dog and can contact or return the dog to you?

23. Who will give your new puppy potty breaks & mental stimulation during the day if you are away at work?

24. Are you willing to take your new puppy to doggy day camp/school on a regular basis while you are away at work? (We recommend this after 16 weeks of age after all vaccinations are up to date, including rabies. This is a very good idea for those that are away for more than 4 hours a day and will help to prevent puppy boredom for these are super intelligent fur children, helps with socialization to other people and other puppies. )

25. Will you be taking the puppy to professional training classes or what training will the puppy be taught?

26. Will you be keeping consistent contact with the breeder to keep them up to date on how the dog is doing?

27. Are you willing to continue supporting your puppy’s Kennel club, the Northern Inuit Society of America and keep up with your annual NISA membership dues (currently $70 per year after your 5yr membership expires?

Do you have a gender preference? Male. \_\_\_ Female. \_\_\_ No Preference. \_\_\_ (\*\**No preference applicants tend to get their puppies quicker)*

*For puppies that are being adopted as pets only, your answers help the breeder match their puppies to their prospective human parent.*

*The breeders do allow gender preference but please note that by choosing this option there is always a chance that you might not get your puppy in a timely manner if there are not enough puppies of the chosen gender for that litter; you would then be moved to the top of the next litter’s waitlist.*

*Choosing ‘No preference’ is always the best option as it guarantees you a puppy of either sex and you could still possibly get the gender that you favor more.*

*\*\*We have found that both male and female Northern Inuits have very similar temperament types with only small differences in aloofness, both are super smart yet goofy, loving and both are stunning in appearance.)*

23. Do you have questions for us?