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.

***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?
	1. 1st adult, profession
	2. 2nd adult, profession
	3. \_\_\_ children (ages) If none, jump to 2.
		1. 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
		2. Have the children had any bad experiences with dogs? If yes, please describe the experience(s).
		3. Are they nervous or fearful of dogs?
	4. 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? If not, jump to 5.
	1. If yes, please tell us about them (animal, breed, age, etc)
5. Have you previously owned a dog? If not, jump to 6.
	1. If you previously owned but no longer have a dog, what happened to the dog?
	2. Have you ever had any behavioural issues with previous dogs? If yes, please provide more details and describe how you handled the problem.
	3. Have you ever had to re-home a dog or turn one over to an animal shelter?

**Your Home**

1. Do you live in a \_\_\_ house \_\_\_ duplex \_\_\_ condo \_\_\_apartment \_\_\_other (please specify)?

Where do you reside? \_\_\_ city \_\_\_small town \_\_\_ rural area \_\_\_other (please specify)

1. Do you rent or own your home?
	1. If you rent, do you have your landlord’s permission to live with a dog?
2. Does your home have a fully fenced and secure yard? (Some Tollers are escape artists!)
3. Where will this dog live? \_\_\_ in the house \_\_\_ outside \_\_\_ kennel or dog run

**Health**

1. Tollers are a breed that sheds. Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs?
2. Please give the name and address of the veterinarian you plan on using to help care for your Toller.

Does this veterinarian support limited vaccinations and raw diets?

1. Does anyone in your household smoke?
2. 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
3. Are you willing to discuss a vaccination schedule for your puppy with your breeder?
4. Are you willing to spay/neuter this dog?

**Puppy – New family member**

1. Which gender do you prefer? Why?
2. 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?
3. Have you ever met and interacted with a Toller?
4. Tollers are intelligent, active dogs who need mental stimulation and regular exercise. Describe what a weekday and weekend currently would be like for your family. What would you expect to change when you bring a new puppy into your family?
5. 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?

1. 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
2. What energy level do you want in your Toller? \_\_\_ high \_\_\_ medium \_\_\_ low Why?
3. 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

1. Is there someone home during the day?
\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ sometimes \_\_\_ part of the day
2. 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
3. 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?
4. Where will your Toller stay when you are on vacation?
5. 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
6. 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?
7. Are you willing to commit to at least eight weeks of obedience training to ensure that your puppy becomes a good canine citizen?
8. Why MadRiver Tollers? Is there anything in particular which drew you to our kennel?
9. Have you contacted other kennels? If so, would you mind telling me who they are?
10. 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?
11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself or your family?
12. 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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