

NORTH ALABAMA IRISHDOODLES

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PUPPY QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in our guardian home/adoption program.

North Alabama Irishdoodles has been providing high quality puppies raised with ENS, Puppy Culture, socialization and desensitization and other therapies and exercises from the time the day they are born to make great family pets as well potential Emotional support, therapy and service dogs for the last 3 years.

I'm ecstatic that my program has provided these beautiful and proven dogs to care for those in need and have made wonderful pets to our furfamilies.

OUR STORY

Growing up with Golden Retrievers, Labs and Irish Setters, I became an avid dog lover. I currently have 3 small rescues, a miniature Schnauzer, a Toy poodle and a miniature Boston Terrier as well as my stud Irish Setter (Ruby) and his girlfriend Maddie, a chocolate standard poodle. I also have a pup from a previous litter, Flynn who has been trained to be my personal service dog. I live on over an acre with 3/4's fenced with privacy fence. Everyone lives inside and has access to a doggy door and big fenced in yard 24/7. And yes there are times I am very grateful for a king sized bed!! We are all one happy family!

I worked as a nurse for about 25 years up until 2017 when I suddenly became unable to walk, speak etc. after a routine surgery. After finally ruling out MS and many other conditions and disorders I went John Hopkins in Baltimore 9 months later and was diagnosed with a rare and permanent neurological disorder that mimics having ALS, MS and Parkinson's at the same time. I became severely depressed and felt a sense of loss of what to do with my life. I was used to taking care of people and now I was the patient....permanently. I wanted to continue to care for others even thru my limitations but wasn't sure if I could and how.

An acquaintance gifted me with her young and beautiful standard chocolate poodle during this time to pair with my Irish Setter and mentored me on breeding. With lots of research and instruction, I found a way to help others by providing high quality puppies whether it is a great rounded, calm temperament and demeanor for a pet or as a potential service/therapy dog. At that time North Alabama Irishdoodles was born! AND THEN CAME FLYNN! Flynn was from a previous litter born July 4, 2018 to Mr. Ruby and Ms Maddie and was homed with a very active older lady in St. Petersburg, Florida when he was 12 weeks old. She took him to the beach and taught him left and right so that he could go with her on her bicycle rides. She said she had dogs all her life but Flynn was by far the easiest she had ever trained. Unfortunately, a few months later she became ill and was not going to be able to take him with her to where she was going for medical care and housing and she brought him back to me to rehome. During the next couple of months I worked to rehome him but no one qualified to give him the life I thought he deserved. I did rehome him once but I found out he was being abused just days after they got him and I immediately took back custody of him. During this time, I noticed that he was starting to pick up on my medial issues. Of course I really didn't know or understand what he was doing until I started putting 2 and 2 together and the trainer later confirming his actions. He began alerting me prior to my tremors by constantly pawing at my hands to keep them down and eventually lying his body across me arms. He also started to alert me to low blood sugars, dizziness and passing out by lying down on me where I could not get up and by a relentless strong nudging of my hands while standing or walking. He would walk tightly around me to counterbalance me to prevent me from falling which was very frequent symptom during one of my flares. He was naturally blocking people from getting within my space and allow room in case I did fall. With sensory issues and the lack of at times, he would sit behind my legs and be my watch out and if anyone came up close that he felt was not right, he would let them and myself know with a little growl. At this time he was close to being 9 months old which is the age they have to be to take the test to see if they have what it takes to be a service dog candidate. I never imagined or thought I needed a service dog with my disorder but I was very curious and for kicks

and giggles took him to a National known organization, OffLeashK9 to have him tested. The trainer advised me she only passes 1 out of 300 to move on to training. Flynn passed within 5 minutes of a 30 minute test!! He spent 3 weeks at training and other than his natural alerts and tasks mentioned above, he does Deep Pressure Therapy, mobility and balance, blocking, "get", and bring the item that I drop to me and alerts to many other issues. He is a natural but we continue to train and work on new tasks almost every day. I feel that between my disabilities and my experience with Flynn that I now have a purpose in my life again and I have made it my mission to provide the very best that I can with my program and my puppies to provide you a great furever companion.

We recently received an honorable invitation from the non profit SD Gunner Fund based in Savannah, Georgia to provide them with our quality puppies to be trained for disabled veterans and/or family members and first responders at their facility to provide care for PTSD, physical limitations and to work beside first responders in search and rescue, etc. Due to this demand and the potential of serving other nonprofit organizations we are expanding and adding additional female standard poodles to our program within approved Guardian homes. These females/males will also be of high quality as choosing the right puppy with a great heritage and genetic history is taken very seriously upon selection to continue to provide a great, healthy and well rounded dog.

Irishdoodles are just AWESOME. You will fall in love with their goofy fun yet laid back, easy going demeanor. They are "lovers", big cuddly lap dogs with so much personality. They are much calmer than goldendoodles and labradoodles and are very easy to train. My SD trainer at OffleashK9 said she had dealt a lot of doodles and mine was her 1st Irishdoodle and the first doodle not to nip at her. They are also very loyal and protective of their families but yet socialized to meet new friends and family. The most frequent comment I get from families are how they thought they were getting a typical rambunctious puppy but instead they are very calm and docile but yet family friendly and are up for any activity at any time. Some of our puppies have become avid water boarders, runners, hikers campers, vacation companions, therapy dogs, emotional support dogs and service dogs. Many are known to go to work with their members of their furfamilies. If you have not already, please check out and follow our North Alabama Irishdoodles Facebook pages. (I believe there are 2-3 North Alabama Irishdoodle pages but they are all belong to us) There you can interact with our current Irishdoodle families, ask them questions, see their updates, pictures of mom and dad as well as previous litters as they grow up including videos of Flynn's service dog training. It's very family oriented and everyone of our families are great to answer questions and share experiences.

Questionnaire will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Once the application is reviewed and accepted, you will be contacted for a phone interview at your convenience and sent the appropriate contract for your review. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at any time by text or phone 256509-2341.

Applicant's name:

Applicant's address & phone number:

Type of dwelling: ☐ House ☐ Condo ☐ Apartment ☐ Mobile home

Name, address & phone number of your veterinarian:

Please provide 2 personal references:

Where will the puppy be kept during the night?

Where will the puppy be kept during the day?

Is anyone home during the day?

How many hours on the average will the puppy be left alone?

Will there be someone available to feed and exercise the puppy during the day?

Have you ever owned a dog before?

Do you have any other animals? What kind and how old?

Do you have any children? If yes, what are their ages?

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals? If yes, how severe?

Are you interested in a male or female puppy?

At what age do you wish to get the puppy?

What do you expect the activity level of this breed to be?

☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Below average

How many hours a day will the puppy be kept outside?

Do you have a fenced yard or suitable pen?

Have you ever returned a pet to the breeder? If so, what were the circumstances?

Have you ever given a pet away or taken a pet to a shelter or pound? If so, what were the circumstances?

Are you willing to return any North Alabama Irishdoodle puppies you that you purchase or are given guardianship to in the event you are no longer able to take care of them properly?

Additional Comments