

**Great Pyrenees Rescue of Northern California**  
**Livestock Guardian Dog**  
**- Home Evaluation -**

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This questionnaire is prepared for your benefit, the prospective owner, and the Great Pyrenees dog that you plan to have become a part of your farm team. Please answer the following questions and return this form to the address at the bottom of the last page. Thank you.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want a Great Pyrenees? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Have you ever owned a Great Pyrenees before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did you get it? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What happened to him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If single, your age \_\_\_\_\_ Live Alone? \_\_\_\_\_ With Family? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If married, do you both work outside the farm? \_\_\_\_\_ Husbands/Wife's  
Hours \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many children at home? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who will be responsible for the Pyrenees? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please describe the kind(s) of livestock you expect your dog to work with.

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Your name:

**RANGE DOGS:**

9. Do you run your livestock on open (unfenced) range? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please answer the following questions; if no, please skip to question #14.

10. How many months of the year are your animals on open range? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you have a full-time herder with them? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you have other Livestock Guardian dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list breeds, ages, sex and whether or not neutered.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you used livestock guardian dogs before? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your evaluation of their usefulness? \_\_\_\_\_

What was their average life span? \_\_\_\_\_

Name the most common reason for their deaths. \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY FARM:**

14. If you expect the dog to work on a family farm, please answer the following questions. Otherwise, skip to the last page.

How many acres (total) will you dog be responsible for? \_\_\_\_\_

How many head of livestock do you expect your dog to care for? \_\_\_\_\_

What predator causes you the most concern? \_\_\_\_\_

How many head of livestock have you lost to predators in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other livestock guardian dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ What are their breeds, ages and sex? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other dogs not livestock guardian dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

What are their breeds, ages and sex?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a livestock guardian dog before? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind and sex? \_\_\_\_\_ How long did you have him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this page, please draw a sketch of your farm, indicate fences, barns used by your livestock and placement of the house. Please indicate type and height of fencing and note any area not permanently fenced (such as driveways, creeks, etc.)

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15. Have you discussed with your family/herders the pros and cons of owning a Pyrenees?\_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy that you might not have the time or energy to properly train a livestock guardian dog? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Do you understand that the dog may not be effective until 18 months of age or older?\_\_\_\_\_

17. Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and children gain admittance to your home, property, or car without your supervision?\_\_\_\_\_

If you have farm workers, are they capable of understanding the role of a livestock guardian dog ?\_\_\_\_\_.

Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all of your employees and may need to be kept apart from some of them? \_\_\_\_\_

18. If you have children, are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a Pyrenees?\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all your children's friends and may need to be kept apart from some of them? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Does everyone in your family want a livestock guardian dog?\_\_\_\_\_

20. What other breeds have you been contemplating?\_\_\_\_\_

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35. What is your family's overall reaction to owning and training a livestock guardian dog?

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37. What concerns have been voiced by other family members?\_\_\_\_\_

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOTH FARM AND RANGE APPLICANTS PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PAGE:**

38. Do you realize that a Pyr lives for 10-12 years and are you committed to care for it that long? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Which family members/employees would be expected to assist with training?  
\_\_\_\_\_

40. What kind of work or behaviors do you expect of this dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

41. What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training him/her \_\_\_\_\_

42. What is your definition of disciplining a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Are you thinking of breeding your Pyrenees? \_\_\_\_\_

44. Do you plan to spay or neuter your Pyrenees? \_\_\_\_\_

45. Do you have a sex preference? \_\_\_\_\_ Which? \_\_\_\_\_

46. Would you consider the opposite sex? \_\_\_\_\_

47. Would you be interested in an older dog? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Would you be interested in a rescued dog? \_\_\_\_\_

49. Would you be interested in a young adult/older puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

50. Are you agreeable to returning the dog, should some unforeseen circumstance arise wherein you would no longer be able to keep the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

51. Would you be willing to allow us to visit your ranch? \_\_\_\_\_

52. How did you find out about us? \_\_\_\_\_

53. Your comments and suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation. This comprehensive questionnaire helps us to try and place the right dog in the right environment. An improper placement, or one in which all the details aren't known can end tragically, usually for the dog. Again thank you.

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