Thank you for your interest in our wonderful Northern Inuit puppies! Since we do not separate the puppies from their mother’s until they are 10 weeks old, this questionnaire will help us match a puppy’s personality to yours. Please answer the questions as best as you can and feel free to elaborate as much as you would like. We love to learn more about our puppies’ new homes and families!

# SECTION 1: Basic Owner Information

Today’s Date:

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):

Age of Applicant:

\*Please note that we do not sell our puppies to anyone under 21yrs of age. \*

Full Address (No PO Boxes, unless you are military stationed overseas):

Address of where the puppy will be living (if different from above):

Phone Numbers: (Cell): \*\*Good time/days you will be available to receive a call from us.

 (Home or Secondary Contact):

 Primary Email Address:

## **Co-Owner 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 $450.00. 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 Mountain Myst Northern Inuits. 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 Name (if any):

Co-Owner Email Address:

Co-Owner’s Phone Number:

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

# SECTION 2: Household Information

1. Describe the personality/age/activity level of the primary owner(s) of this dog? (Are you shy or outgoing, are you very active or do you prefer to relax after your work day, etc.)

2.) Does everyone in your household agree to and want the puppy?

2a.) Are your household members willing to take an active role in your puppy’s life?

*Since the puppy will interact with all of the family members in the household and will be influenced by everyone’s behavior; It is* ***very*** *important for the puppy’s welfare that everyone is on board and happy with the adoption of your puppy. Northern Inuit puppies are very intelligent and can sense when someone does not like them or that there is any animosity towards them, this can lead to behavioral issues for the dog and the person with the issue later on.*

*Making sure that all of the family members bond with and show respect to the new fur baby is crucial for a harmonious family fit and the makings of a well-rounded, happy Northern Inuit.*

3. 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).

3a. How do you plan to go about puppy training such as: are you going to enroll your puppy in weekly puppy training classes where he or she can benefit also from socialization to other puppies in class who are usually around the same age as your new pup or will you hire a professional trainer?

\*\**Your Mountain Myst Northern Inuit puppy‘s behavior when out in public is a reflection on how well or how poorly you have trained your puppy/dog, you are also responsible for the control of him or her in the interest of your fur- baby’s safety and especially for the safety of others that may meet your dog.*

*Northern Inuits dogs are considered a large breed of dog and look very wolf-like, so much so that many people do not know the difference between Northern Inuit dogs and Wolf Hybrids in appearance so it is crucial that they are trained to be very well behaved in public as we do not want people to fear or misjudge this friendly breed of dog and we most certainly* ***never*** *want to be put on the dreaded ‘dangerous breed’ list especially if due to any irresponsible owner that has not trained their dog properly and does not have sufficient control of their dog in public.*

*Again, all of that reflects of course on the owner but it seriously also reflects on us as breeders of Northern Inuits and any of our adopted dogs will always represent and be ambassadors for Mountain Myst.*

*We feel very strongly about you having your Mountain Myst dog trained to such a level where he or she will be very well behaved and a joy to be around others out in public. Our contract requires that the adoptee/owner of any Mountain Myst bred puppy/dog provide professional training for themselves & their puppy starting with basic puppy training classes or with a professional dog*

*-trainer by 16 weeks & must reach at least the good canine citizen certification level by 24 months old*.

4. What is your (and, if applicable, your co-owner’s) occupation?

4a. Are you currently a student and if so when do you expect to graduate?

4b. Name of College/School

4c. What is your field of study?

4d. Do you live on or off campus?

5. 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?

5a. Do you have a structured schedule or is your schedule different every day?

5b. About how many hours will your puppy be left on its own during your typical work day?

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

6a. Why do you want to adopt this particular breed of dog versus adopting another breed?

7. 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)*

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

8a. Do you have other pets?

8b. If so, what are they?

8c. What are their ages, genders, temperaments, and personalities?

9. What are you looking for or expecting in a Northern Inuit dog?

10. Do you have a fenced in yard?

*(These dogs need space).*

11. Are you an avid Gardner?

*(These dogs like to dig holes especially if you have ground squirrels or moles, etc. and can have a high prey drive.)*

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. What is your emergency backup plan for your dog if you have an emergency or have a crisis that prevents you from taking care of your NI for a while?

13a. Are you active/retired military or a military veteran?

13b. If you are actively in the military, what is your family care plan in-regards to your dog if you are PCS’ed overseas or deployed?

*(Military life with all the many PCS family moves & deployments, can be very stressful for the family, so planning for these events is very important).*

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).*

14a. Does anyone in your household have allergies/sensitivities to dog fur, saliva, and/or dander?

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

*(We run a consensual background screening on all applicants via our kennel club NISA)*

15a. Does anyone else in your household 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 expressed written permissions/contracts from Mountain Myst Northern Inuits).*

16a. Do you currently own a Northern Inuit dog and if so from which breeder did your current dog come from and is your current dog spayed or neutered? *(Please provide dates when the spay or neuter took place along with the vet’s name & contact info).*

16b. If you already own a Northern Inuit dog is your current dog, registered with the Northern Inuit Society of America?

16c. If you already own a NI dog is it registered with NIS in the UK?

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

17a. If you already own a NISA registered NI dog, are your NISA membership dues paid up to date?

*Breeders may not sell their puppies to potential adoptees that already own a NI dog that do not actively support the Northern Inuit Society of America. NISA and its breeders need the membership numbers to continue to increase in order to be compliant in the quest to get recognized by the AKC and other major all-breed kennel clubs.*

*NISA memberships are also crucial for helping the club to check for any NI dog related health concerns such as diseases and genetic health issues. NISA keeps accurate data base records on the welfare and any*

*health issues for all NI dogs in the USA; this info is also shared with NISA’s sister kennel club, NIS, in the UK. Members receive NI dog newsletters, can participate in events and upcoming competitions.*

18. How do you plan to pick up your fur baby?

 (*We do* ***not*** *ship out our puppies and prefer that adoptees drive their puppies’ home if at all possible. Northern Inuit puppies are too large to fit under your seat on a plane and will have to go into the cargo hold without supervision or care during the flight. A pet friendly heated cargo hold will be required if this is your only option. Most adoptees fly into Denver and rent a vehicle to drive back to their respective state.)*

19. Are you financially ready and able to provide for all of your puppy’s needs and with it, have the commitment of care, time and money throughout its lifetime?

*This is an expensive purchase and your stunning Northern Inuit puppy will become a valuable member of your family with its needs being similar as having a small toddler. New adoptees are advised to purchase a pet insurance policy for their new fur baby plus a wellness plan for its routine healthcare. Your dog will need to be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age by a reputable vet. Your dog will need a dog license, obedience training classes, possible puppy day care services, quality food (both raw and kibble), crate, bed, toys, leashes, etc. all of which can be a great expense to the owner for the next 12-15 years. We ask that you understand this and that you are truly ready to adopt one of our puppies or any puppy.*

20. What type of financial planning have you done or are planning to do regarding the expenses that owning a new fur baby will incur for you and/or for your family?

21. Do you have a fur baby rainy day savings account especially for the intangibles that can and do sometimes occur?

22. Are there any other details that you would like us to know about that could potentially help us match up & choose your pup for placement?

Do you have a gender preference? Male. \_\_\_ Female. \_\_\_ No Preference. \_\_\_

*\*\*Whilst we do take into consideration and try to fulfill all potential adoptee’s preferences regarding their new puppy, we do not base our placements on coat colors, coat shades, coat length, eye color or parentage. It is by far more important that we match your puppy to you based on temperament type and personality type of both yours and the puppy’s including your lifestyle, your household and your family dynamics. Using the method mentioned has proven to be a total success for both adoptees and our puppies allowing a more intense bonding between both fur baby and human parent; which creates a better sense of family membership between them, instead of just buying a new pet dog for you and your family, you are really adopting a new baby into your family that just happens to have fur that has been carefully selected especially for you, and your family; which is why all of our puppies are professionally temperament tested at a certain age.*

*You will not know which puppy is yours until the testing has been completed (this test is the same test that is initially done to evaluate whether a puppy meets the standard requirement of temperament that is needed tor the grueling long training that legitimate service puppy-dogs have to go through*

*and pass before they can use that title depending on what specialty of service and duties they are expected to perform).*

*For our puppies that are being adopted as pets only, not only does temperament testing help us match our puppies to their prospective human parent, it also helps identify specific areas where more concentration of training maybe needed.*

*We 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?