

Puppy Application

Which breed are you interested in?

Lowchen, the Little Lion Dog
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

Name

First Name Last Name

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Phone Number

Please enter a valid phone number.

Email

example@example.com

Links to websites, blogs, and social media handles:

Please list the other individuals living in your home with ages:

Have you contacted or applied with other breeders? If so, who?

Please provide two emergency contacts who will be willing to care for your dog during emergencies. Please include name, email, phone number, and relationship.

Please provide contact information for your vet. If you do not currently have a vet, we will assist you in finding one in your area. Please include clinic name, vet name, address, phone, and email.

Preferences

These questions help us understand what you are looking to integrate into your home.

Do you have a preference for male or female? *Puppies are matched to homes based off personality fit. There is no guarantee of gender. *Female companion Lowchens will often require a longer wait time.

Male only

Female only

Either

Would you be interested in an older puppy or adult?

Yes

No

Maybe

Would you be interested in a special needs puppy? (non-life threatening physical abnormality)

Yes

No

Maybe

For Lowchen, do you have a color preference? Which colors?

For Greater Swiss, would you be interested in a blue, red, non-traditionally marked, or blue eyed?

***Note: The frequency of blue, red, and non-traditionally marked is extremely low.**

Whose decision is it to get a dog?

What specifically attracted you to this breed?

Dog Ownership Experience

Have you previously owned this breed?

Have you previously owned other dogs?

If yes, please provide the following for each dog you have owned (attach list if necessary): 1. Breed (or prevalent breed if mixed) and sex 2. How did you obtain the dog (purchased, found, given as a gift, adopted, etc.) 3. What is your relationship like with the person/organization you obtained the dog? 4. Age when obtained 5. What happened to the dog (sold, given to others, lost, died (include cause of death))?

What animals do you currently own? If you currently own another dog, is it altered?

Are you planning on getting another dog in the next two years?

Do you breed dogs now, or have you had experience breeding dogs?

Goals and Training

What type of disposition are you looking for? What habits or behaviors would you not be able to tolerate? Describe what you expect of and for this puppy.

What experience do you have owning and training dogs?

Do you understand that the Puppy Culture litter raising protocol is meant to give your puppy the best start, but ongoing training should continue once your puppy has joined your home. Do expect there to be a transition period when your puppy arrives home. You may have to restart some habits such as crate training and house training when your puppy is in a new environment.

Do you understand that both breeds are highly intelligent, and they are quite capable of manipulating their humans to get whatever they like such as snacks at the table, sleeping in the bed without permission, driving the car, and controlling the humans by pretending to need attention? We are happy to provide training resources to humans to curb these behaviors.

Where do you plan on attending training with your puppy?

(GREATER SWISS ONLY) Are you aware that Swissies can be very vocal, stubborn, persistent, crafty, independent, and physically strong with high prey drive? Please explain how you have managed other dogs or people like this in the past?

(GREATER SWISS ONLY) Are you committed to a lifetime of training your dog, especially when they go through the teenager phase?

Do you have experience with kennel training a dog? A dog that is kennel trained will be easier to transport during emergencies and have an easier time while boarded?

(LOWCHEN ONLY) How do you plan on grooming your dog? Would you be interested in learning how to groom him/her yourself?

Are you committed to dedicating all of your time in the first 16 weeks of your puppy's life to positive experiences around new places, people, and other dogs, safely? I will provide detailed instructions on the process, and it is absolutely critical to put in this earlier socialization to facilitate confident adults.

Do you agree to call me first if your puppy exhibits any unacceptable behaviors?

(GREATER SWISS ONLY) Are you aware that Swissies can take time to reliably housetrain without supervision? With my training method, it is quite possible to house train them at a young age though it requires consistency and time upfront.

Which of the following reasons best fit the primary reason(s) you would like to have a dog? Check all that apply. Please elaborate as needed.

Performance activities (obedience, agility, rally, barn hunt, etc...)

Search and Rescue/Tracking

Service dog (trained to assist a handler with a disability)

Therapy Dog (to provide companionship and comfort to others in a controlled setting)

Emotional Support Animal (to provide companionship and comfort to the dog's owner) Note: This is different from a service dog.

Conformation/Showing

Drafting/Pulling work

Herding

Attack/Protection (to attack on command)

Watch Dog/Alarm Dog (to let you know that someone is at the house)

Breeding

Companion

For Spouse

For the Children

For other pets

A gift

Home Life

Are you currently pregnant or expecting to adopt or have a child within 1 year of getting your new puppy?

Is there anyone else who will be living with the dog that is not already listed above?

How does everyone in the home feel about a puppy?

Is anyone living in the home with the dog allergic to dogs? Lowchens are excellent for people with allergies to dogs. Greater Swiss do shed and can have large amounts of dander. It is quite possible for people with allergies to with both breeds with consistent house cleaning and grooming.

How would you describe your neighborhood? Are you in a condo, apartment, duplex, ranch, rural area, or developer neighborhood?

(GREATER SWISS ONLY) Would your neighbors tolerate a loud mouth dog?

Do you own your own home?

What is your occupation?

If applicable, what is your spouse's occupation?

Transportation and Environment

How will your dog normally be transported? Are you able to transport your dog in kennel?

Do you agree to keep your dog in a climate controlled environment during extreme temperatures? Swissies are not heat tolerant, and they can easily suffer heat strokes in 75 degree weather. You must take care to not over exercise them in the heat.

Are you dedicated to maintaining your dog's training throughout his or her entire lifetime?

Do you agree to keep your dog at a fit weight for the sake of their health?

What arrangements would you make for the care of the dog when you are traveling?

If your dog is traveling with you, do you have a process for making the dog as comfortable as possible?

Ongoing Relationship with us

We are always available via phone or email for any emergency, no matter how early or how late. We are committed to our dogs for their entire lives. While we may not always have the answers nor can we guarantee the future, we can promise to support you and the well-being of your dog.

Are you willing to plan for the dog's well-being if any of the following should happen?

- End of relationship
- Death
- Move/Relocation
- New human baby in the home
- Elderly family member in the home
- Loss of job
- Serious illness
- Develop allergy to dogs
- Decided to not want the dog

Other

How did you find us?

Were you referred to Roman Reign?

Have you met a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog or Lowchen?

If yes, please list the owner's name and place of meeting.

Do you agree to sign a written contract that:

A) Roman Reign has a first right of refusal to take any dog back at any time for any reason should the owner decide they can no longer keep their dog.

B) Requires you to use your veterinarian, trainer, and Roman Reign as your 1st resource for the health, training, and well-being of the dog. Information on the Internet can be useful in understanding health and training questions, however it is not the best source for diagnoses and recommendations.

C) As an owner of a Roman Reign puppy, you will become an ambassador of the breed by virtue of having a Greater Swiss or Lowchen. You agree to responsibly train and manage your dog. You and your dog will likely become the face of the breed in your local area as both breeds are relatively rare, and you agree to represent the breed in the best light both online and in person.

D) Will you commit to staying in contact with us for the life of your puppy with both good news and bad should it occur?

Yes

No

I want to discuss these items.

Please feel free to add any additional comments or questions you might have. We look forward to working with you.

