



T6 CANINE REALITY CHECKLIST

Acquiring a new canine — is a lifelong commitment and should only be done after careful consideration. It will mean a lifestyle change and adjustment for everyone involved. Please consider the points below before making your final decision.

Please initial each box and return this form to T6 with your application and additional paperwork requested.

_____ 1. I have reviewed information on the breed traits of the dog that could be offered to me.

Canine breed that could be offered: German Shephard, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shephard, Other:

_____ 2. I understand that this dog was selected for the T6 program because it is a high-energy dog, and it will require regular exercise and mental stimulation (up to two hours per day depending on the dog).

_____ 3. I understand that lack of regular exercise and mental stimulation can lead to behavioral issues.

_____ 4. I understand the dog I adopt may not be housebroken. I will take steps to humanely housebreak this dog.

_____ 5. I understand that a crate is not “punishment” but a safe haven for the dog and a housebreaking tool.

_____ 6. I understand that this dog may live up to 15 years, and I am prepared to provide general care, medical care, exercise, training, and companionship for that length of time.

_____ 7. I understand that for a healthy dog, costs of vet care (shots, flea, and heartworm preventative) food, and minimal boarding and grooming is necessary.

_____ 8. I understand that this particular breed is susceptible to most diseases that afflict humans such as allergies, cancer, heart disease, arthritis, and other health issues, including emergencies.

_____ 9. I understand this dog will shed and may blow its coat twice a year. I understand this dog will need regular brushing.

_____ 10. I understand this dog is not a “hypoallergenic” dog, and that anyone with allergies to dogs will likely have an allergic reaction to it. No one in my household is allergic to dogs.

_____ 11. I understand that most of this dog’s life was not spent in a house, and it may take 30-90 days to adapt to its new circumstances and family.

_____ 12. I understand I need to be patient and consistent while the dog learns the rules of its new home.

_____ 13. I understand that this dog will need continuous basic obedience training reinforcement on a regular basis to minimize any behavioral issues. I am willing to seek help from T6 as needed to resolve any issues.

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_____ 14. I am prepared to socialize this dog with other pets I currently own. I understand that it may take 30-90 days for this dog and my current pets to warm up to each other, and that they may never warm up to each other. I am willing to seek assistance from T6 as needed to resolve any issues.

_____ 15. I understand that this dog may arrive with behavioral issues (e.g., chewing, marking, jumping on the furniture, counter surfing, digging, fence fighting, barking, jumping, etc.). I am willing to seek assistance from T6 as needed to resolve any issues.

_____ 16. My work hours and lifestyle (and those of my family) allow enough time to provide this dog appropriate care, exercise, training, and companionship.

_____ 17. I understand this dog may be able to escape from the back yard if left unattended. I also understand that fences not locked with a padlock could result in others allowing my dog to escape.

_____ 18. I am not planning any major life changes that will affect my ability to provide a loving home for this dog for the next year (i.e., marriage, new children, moving, new job, etc.).

_____ 19. I understand that if I am a student, in the military (especially if deployed often), or travel frequently, I may want to consider waiting until my life is more settled to adopt a dog.

_____ 20. I understand that I am expected to provide a home for this dog, and if the canine needs to be rehomed, then it is to be returned to T6 of West Texas, LLC.

_____ 21. I understand that if the canine is to be rehomed for any reason, T6 needs to be notified as soon as possible.

_____ 22. I understand that children must be supervised at all times when interacting with this dog.

_____ 23. I understand that I should dog-proof my home and yard.

DISCLAIMER: Internet links provided herein do not constitute an official endorsement by T6 of West Texas, LLC or our Partners. Such suggestions are made in the hopes that potential adopters will seek out as much information as they can to provide their new dog with the best life possible. We encourage the use of additional sources of information.

_____ 24. I have read and understood each of the items above. I am committed to giving this dog a home. I wish to continue with T6 canine acquisition process.

	Yes		Not at this time
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Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

T6 Representative: _____ Date: _____