

Obtaining a Sunnynook Large Munsterlander® Puppy

Thank you for your interest in a Sunnynook LM. We have compiled a few questions to help us ensure that the fit between the kind of dog we produce is also a good fit for you as a hunter, and your family. We have placed some 150 puppies with hunters over several decades of breeding. A few of them have come back and for some we've refunded the purchase price. Mostly, our owners are very happy with their dog and we attribute this success to our efforts to ensure a good fit for you and us beforehand.

We also ask about breeding or making males available. With a small gene pool such as ours, maintaining the breed standard has been possible only because some other breeders and members in LMAC did likewise. We know, of course, that breeding is not for everyone, but we'd like to hear if you have considered this.

When we ask about testing, we know that testing opportunities are few and far between. More importantly, testing is not an end in itself but a means to an end. A non-competitive test gives feedback to the owners based on objective versatile-dog criteria. It offers a goal to work toward and a schedule to reach it. Dogs that are prepared for tests are better hunting dogs and reach their potential sooner in our experience.

Please take a moment to respond to these questions. Feel free to contact us if you'd like clarification: Joe & Sheila Schmutz, RR 2, Site 202, Box 123, Saskatoon, SK S7K3J5; 306-382-8964, joe.schmutz@usask.ca

What kind of bird hunting do you do? What species and how do you find them?

What kind of training experience do you have? ... access to training help, training birds?

How will your dog be housed? (House dog, Kennel dog, combination?)

Do you own another dog/s? (if so, what type, age, sex)

How does your family feel about a new dog?

Are you prepared to come and pick up the pup personally? (where do you live?)

Do you plan to field test the pup in either VHDF or NAVHDA? Have you tested before?

Would you make your dog available for breeding if it passes and is free of hip dysplasia?