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WIND RIVER KARELIAN BEAR DOGSSM

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in our Karelian Bear Dogs. As a potential new owner, I welcome you to the world of the Karelian, one of the most fascinating breeds of dogs that you will ever know.

As Kennel Manager for our team of Karelian Bear Dogs, I have the opportunity to spend most of my days with these amazing canines. Karelians are a truly fascinating breed and I am honored to be part of this unique breeding program designed to bring Karelians into the lives of those that truly can appreciate them. As the Kennel Manager, I can tell you that owning a Karelian can be an unbelievable experience; however it is a tremendous commitment, as well, and takes much work on your part. With a correct match of owner and dog, a serious commitment on your part for continued training and enrichment, and of course, an undying love for your dog...you will be blessed with an immensely intelligent, affectionate, committed and loyal dog. Karelians are amazing in many ways; I hope that you get the opportunity to see for yourself how one of our dogs could become a very positive part of your life.

We are extremely selective about whom we place our pups with--we raise them in a unique, confidence-building, socialization process and then match their personalities to those of owners waiting for a lifetime partner. We only have a litter every other year and then place them like diamonds with the right people. Out of nearly 100 puppies in 13 years--we have only had to re-home five. New owners cannot believe the depth of the matches we are able to make with our assessment process to form the lifelong partnerships that we desire to keep the Karelians and their new owners fulfilled, excited and grateful for the union.

We are having a litter this fall. The pups will be ready to go home with new families, at 10 weeks of age, near the end of January 2009. To begin the process of potential adoption of one of our upcoming puppies, please read the "Commitment Letter" from Director, Carrie Hunt, fill out the attached questionnaire, and send the questionnaire back to us. Your responses on the questionnaire will help us to determine if you are the right owner for one of our dogs--then we will call you for a phone interview and we will go from there. We look hard for private people that want companion dogs---good private owners are hard to find for KBDs. I wish you luck in this process and hope that you get the opportunity to have a Karelian as part of your life, I am blessed that they are such a big part of mine.

Please phone me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to receiving your questionnaire responses, and speaking with you over the phone.

Take care and thank you again for your interest.

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