Welcome to Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade’s Puppy Application. We are committed to our goal of producing wolfdogs with excellent health, temperament, and conformation. Part of this commitment means that we have taken the time to health test our wolfdogs before producing litters, to ensure that we are using healthy animals. All our breeding wolfdogs have OFA Hip and Elbow scores, OFA CAER eye exams, Embark Veterinary genetic screening, and have had confirmation of parentage via Embark Veterinary to prove the parentage of each puppy. The health testing results for each wolfdog can be viewed upon request, but are also posted publicly on our Facebook kennel page and on each dog’s profile on our website.

Here at Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade, we take ownership of wolfdogs very seriously and we want to make sure that our puppy buyers have taken the time to prepare themselves for the animal they plan to bring home. As fun and adorable as puppies are, they are also a lot of work and they grow up into large, highly intelligent and athletic animals who require above and beyond the level of care that a “regular dog” would need. We have a limited availability for puppies, and we want to make sure that they are sent to the best possible homes. Below, you will find our Puppy Application, which will help us get to know you better. Please be as detailed as possible in your answers and keep in mind that we may have more questions we require you to answer in addition to what you see below.

You can type in your answers on this document and email this application back to us, or you can also copy/paste this entire application into a regular email and type your answers there.

Full Name:

Birthdate:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

List Household Members Names & Ages & Relationship to you:

(If more than 5 people live in your household, please list all.)

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Does anyone in your household have allergies to dogs or other animals? Y/N

Do you plan to have children in the future? Y/N

If you have children, how old are they?

Are you a current member of the Armed Forces, either Active Duty or in the Reserves? Y/N

Select One: \_\_\_Active Duty \_\_\_Reservist Branch:

Are you a Veteran of the Armed Services? Y/N Branch:

Does any member of your household or frequent visitor have any circumstances that would affect their interaction with a large sized dog/wolfdog?

Do you own your home, or rent?

If you own your home, **please attach proof of ownership upon submission of this application**. This can be in the form of a mortgage payment statement, a copy of the deed to your home, or any other document that shows that you are the legal owner of that home. **Please be sure to block out any PII such as Social Security Number, Bank Account Number, etc. Your name and the address shown are sufficient.**

If you rent, please provide the Name and Contact Information for your landlord. This is required even if your landlord is a family member.

Landlord Name / Leasing Company:

Phone Number:

Email:

List the type(s) of animal(s) you currently own, as well as those you have owned in the past:

(If you currently own, or used to own, more than 5 animals or type(s) of animals, please list all)

1. Name:
	* Age:
	* Breed / Species:
	* (Circle One) Spayed / Neutered / Intact
	* (Circle One) Living / Deceased / Rehomed / Taken to Rescue/Shelter / Other (explain):
	* Do they like large dogs? Y/N
	* If your pet is no longer with you, please explain:
2. Name:
	* Age:
	* Breed / Species:
	* (Circle One) Spayed / Neutered / Intact
	* (Circle One) Living / Deceased / Rehomed / Taken to Rescue/Shelter / Other (explain):
	* Do they like large dogs? Y/N
	* If your pet is no longer with you, please explain:
3. Name:
	* Age:
	* Breed / Species:
	* (Circle One) Spayed / Neutered / Intact
	* (Circle One) Living / Deceased / Rehomed / Taken to Rescue/Shelter / Other (explain):
	* Do they like large dogs? Y/N
	* If your pet is no longer with you, please explain:
4. Name:
	* Age:
	* Breed / Species:
	* (Circle One) Spayed / Neutered / Intact
	* (Circle One) Living / Deceased / Rehomed / Taken to Rescue/Shelter / Other (explain):
	* Do they like large dogs? Y/N
	* If your pet is no longer with you, please explain:

5. Name:

* + Age:
	+ Breed / Species:
	+ (Circle One) Spayed / Neutered / Intact
	+ (Circle One) Living / Deceased / Rehomed / Taken to Rescue/Shelter / Other (explain):
	+ Do they like large dogs? Y/N
	+ If your pet is no longer with you, please explain:

Have you ever…? (Check all that apply)

\_\_Owned a wolfdog

\_\_Owned a dog

\_\_Raised a puppy

\_\_Potty trained a puppy/dog

\_\_Had to put down a dog (for any reasons other than “old age”)

\_\_Bred dogs or other animals - If you have, please describe:

Why do you want a wolfdog, vs any other breed or mix?

What got you into wolfdogs?

How much time have you spent with wolfdogs in-person?

What content(s) have you met in-person?

What characteristics of wolfdogs appeal to you?

What concerns or questions do you have with getting a wolfdog?

What are any “deal breaker” traits or characteristics that would make you want to not own a dog? This can include physical traits, temperament, instinctual behaviors, etc.

Are you a member of any online wolfdog groups/communities?

**What kind of wolfdog I want…**

Describe your PERFECT wolfdog. This can include personality, energy level, color, size, activities you’d like them to participate in, etc.:

Are you interested in a specific litter? If yes, please specify parents: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Puppy’s job will be:

\_\_Pet

\_\_Breeding

\_\_Dog Sports

\_\_Other (Fill in the blank):

If your goal is to obtain a potential breeding prospect puppy, we can share a sample of our Co-Ownership Contract and Breeder’s Ethics Contract with you so that you can see what our specific requirements are for all of the breeding prospect wolfdogs that we place. We do not sell any puppies with full breeding rights. Please be prepared to provide us with detailed information about your breeding program (current or future), current and future plans, breeding dogs, their health test results, pedigrees, etc., and discuss how a puppy from the litter you have applied for is expected to contribute to your program.

Breeding Potential Preference: Pet Only / Potential Breeding Prospect

Energy Level: Somewhat laid back / Average / High Energy / Flexible

Color First Choice: Black/Agouti Grey Are you willing to compromise on color? Y/N

Same-sex Aggression is common in most wolfdogs and is very likely to develop once the wolfdog reaches maturity. This natural instinctive behavior can negatively impact their relationships with other dogs of the same sex for life, requiring the dogs to be separated permanently to avoid them injuring or even killing each other. Neutering may reduce the intensity of this behavior but does not always eliminate it entirely. This is a very serious trait to be aware of and plan ahead for. We strongly encourage applicants to consider applying for an opposite sex puppy from the dog they already have. If you own both male and female dogs, then it is necessary for the applicant to have a \*realistic\* plan in place to separate the wolfdog from any same-sex dogs they do not get along with, should same-sex aggression develop in the wolfdog as it matures. **Please be prepared to discuss this plan with us in detail during our review of your application.**

Gender First Choice: M/F Are you willing to compromise on Gender? Y/N

If No, why?

It is important to remember that we cannot guarantee the number of puppies born, or their sex or color. We will take your preferences into careful consideration when evaluating the final placement of each puppy at 8+ weeks of age. Final assignments are typically finalized by no later than 9 weeks of age.

**Containment…**

Do you have a fenced in yard?

What material(s) is your fencing made of?

How tall is your fence at its \*shortest\* point (including any/all gates)?

**Please attach photos of your fencing to this application.**

We require owners to have secure, escape-proof outdoor containment for all of our wolfdog puppies, regardless of their content or percentage. The minimum size allowed is 128 sqft, but larger is certainly encouraged. If your puppy will spend most of their days inside their enclosure (such as when you are away at work for the day) then the pen should be large enough for the wolfdog to get up to a run. Our average large pens are 48 ft wide x 56 ft long with fencing that ranges from 8 to 12 ft tall. This size of pen offers plenty of room to run and play. If your puppy leads a very active lifestyle, or spends most of their time inside your home, then a smaller enclosure is acceptable. The minimum pen size for our puppies who will be leading very active lifestyles is 128 sqft (8 ft x 16 ft). The enclosure must be constructed of thick gauge wire or chain link (9 gauge or thicker; most commercial pre-fabricated kennels are made using 12 or 14 gauge wire, which is too thin), and must have dig guards/concrete floor to prevent digging out, lean-ins to prevent jumping/climbing out, and must be at least 7 ft tall (although taller is strongly encouraged unless it has a solid roof).

Do you have this type of outdoor escape-proof containment? Y / N

If yes, please describe in detail and **attach photos** to this application:

If you do not yet have this type of containment, we have a step-by-step tutorial posted on our Facebook kennel page and our website. Provided your application is approved in all other aspects, your yard fencing AND containment must both be complete and meet our standards in order to place a deposit for a puppy.

**Puppy’s life…**

Where will your puppy spend their day?

Where will your puppy sleep at night and/or for naps?

Who will be the puppy’s main caregiver?

Do you have a backup caregiver if you are sick, injured, out of town, etc.?

When your puppy reaches a certain age, do you plan to keep them inside? Outside? Both? Explain:

Wolfdogs are very athletic and are typically moderate to high energy. How will you provide exercise for your puppy throughout its life?

Describe how many hours in a day your puppy will be alone. Weekdays? Weekends? Holidays? Where will your wolfdog spend that time alone?

Do you plan to crate train your wolfdog?

Where do you work? What is your job title, and what do you do?

How many hours a day are you away from home on a typical workday? Please include average commute times in addition to your regular work hours:

Does your work require you to travel out of town/state/country? If so, how often?

Do you know someone who is experienced with high maintenance dog breeds who would be able to watch your wolfdog while you are out of town?

Our fencing and enclosure requirements ensure that your wolfdog will stay safely contained at home. If you go out of town and your wolfdog stays with a friend or family member, that individual must also live in a wolfdog legal area AND have secure fencing, or there is a very, very high risk that your wolfdog will escape and get confiscated by Animal Control, injured or killed. We have seen versions of this tragedy occur countless times with other wolfdog owners over the years. It is also important to keep in mind that many doggy day cares, boarding facilities, and even veterinarians, will refuse to board wolfdogs. Finding an experienced dog sitter to care for your wolfdog at \*your\* home is the safest option for your wolfdog in the event that you have to go out of town for vacation, work, emergencies, etc.

Please provide your vet’s contact information.

Clinic Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

How long have you been going to this veterinarian?

Will your vet treat wolfdogs?

If you currently own other dogs, are they current on annual vaccinations, flea & tick prevention, and parasite prevention including heartworm preventative?

We vaccinate our puppies at 6, 8, and 10 weeks of age. Our Low Content litters (50% Gray Wolf or less) and Mid Content litters (51% to 74% Gray Wolf) go home at 10 weeks of age. Our Upper Mid Content litters (75% to 84% Gray Wolf) go home at 9 weeks of age. Our High Content litters (85% to 99% Gray Wolf) go home at 8 weeks of age. Once our puppies go home, we require, per our ownership contract, that our puppies receive their 3rd (for Upper Mid and High Content puppies) booster no later than 12 weeks of age, and their 4th booster and their rabies vaccine no later than 16 weeks of age. Do you agree to our vaccination schedule? Y / N

We feed our adult wolfdogs Victor Hi-Pro Plus dog kibble. This is a premium quality, high-protein, high-calorie, grain-inclusive kibble. In the past, we have also fed our wolfdogs other high-quality kibble brands such as Wellness Core, Diamond Naturals Extreme Athlete, and Merrick Backcountry. We have also fed some of our wolfdogs Prey Model Raw (80% protein, 10% bone, 5% liver, 5% other hormone-secreting organ) and we hope to get back to this in the future once we start raising our own livestock. Our litters are raised on Victor Hi-Pro Plus kibble. We send home a brand-new bag with each puppy to help slowly transition them if you wish to change their diet.

What do you plan to feed your wolfdog? What do you currently feed the dog(s) you have?

Wolfdogs are very intelligent and athletic! We strongly encourage our puppy owners to help their wolfdogs lead active, enriching lifestyles. What do you plan to do with your wolfdog? (Check all that apply)

\_\_Puppy Obedience \_\_Obedience/Rally \_\_Agility \_\_Disc Dog \_\_Dock Diving \_\_Flyball

\_\_Therapy Dog (where legal) \_\_Search & Rescue \_\_Freestyle \_\_Nosework \_\_Hiking

\_\_Treiball \_\_Scootering \_\_Bikejoring \_\_Other (Fill in the blank)

List dog sport performance goals (if any) that you have for this puppy:

**Guardian Homes…**

If you do not personally plan to breed, would you be willing to co-own an intact puppy as a potential breeding candidate for our breeding program at Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade? You would be the wolfdog’s primary caregiver, and would be in charge of providing for the daily care and upkeep of your wolfdog, including food, treats, toys, crates, annual preventative veterinary care, emergency veterinary care, training, etc.

Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade would be responsible for the breeding side, like researching pedigrees, selecting appropriate mates, placing puppies in qualified homes, etc. We would also be responsible for paying all costs related to breeding, including all health testing, reproductive vet check-ups, stud collection, and all costs related to housing and caring for a bitch during breeding, whelping, and 10 weeks of puppy raising.

You could be as involved or uninvolved in this process as you want. For female wolfdogs in a Guardian Home, if you did not want to raise a litter yourself, we would be responsible for transporting the pregnant dam to our home to whelp and raise the litter, and then return her to you once the puppies turn 10 weeks old. For male wolfdogs in a Guardian Home, we would be responsible for paying to have the male’s semen collected and shipped if you were not able/willing to have bitch owners come to your home for live cover breedings.

Once these co-owned breeding dogs have been retired from our program, full pet ownership is transferred to you upon proof of spay/neuter.

Co-ownership of intact puppies allows Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade to retain breeding rights for promising puppies, while still being able to place them in loving homes who are looking for a quality wolfdog companion.

Do you want to be considered as a potential Guardian Home? **Y/N**

**Behavior and Training…**

Please describe how you would handle the following scenarios…

1. Your wolfdog is blowing their coat and there is hair EVERYWHERE. You…
2. Your wolfdog puppy is crying and howling in their crate. You…
3. Your wolfdog snaps and growls at you when you get near their food and/or toys. You…
4. Your wolfdog has a potty accident in the house. You…
5. Your wolfdog acts scared when someone tries to pet them out in public. You…
6. Your wolfdog chews up your leather couch. You…
7. Your wolfdog digs moon craters in the backyard. You…
8. Your wolfdog gets into a fight with one of your dogs, who happens to be the same gender as your wolfdog. You…

Do you believe in the “Alpha Theory?” Why or why not:

Although wolfdogs tend to do best with positive reinforcement training, we do recognize that certain training tools such as prong collars and electric training collars for proofing , when used correctly, can enable wolfdogs to live a much more enriching lifestyle by enabling them to participate in off-leash activities.

We very strongly encourage our puppy owners to enroll their puppies in group obedience classes as soon as possible, and practice grooming and handling consistently. Training your puppy while they are young and eager to learn will help to curb problematic and/or rude behaviors as they grow into the – oftentimes rebellious – teenager stage, which usually starts around 6 months old and can last up to 2-3 years of age. Wolfdogs are a slow maturing breed that will undergo several changes in personality as they grow into a fully mature animal. Many of the submissive and permissive behaviors you will see in puppies and young adults will change with maturity into an animal who has strong opinions about what they do/don’t like, and what they will/won’t allow to be done to them. Practicing and rewarding your wolfdog’s tolerance of grooming, handling of feet, ears, mouths, ears, etc., and reinforcing good manners early on will pay off immensely once your animal reaches maturity. A common phrase that tends to hold true for wolfdogs is, “You get out what you put in.”

We have a training rewards program for all of our puppy owners, where you can earn rebates for every title or award that you earn with your wolfdog. United Kennel Club (UKC) offers Performance Listing registration for mixed breed dogs so that you can participate in all-breed events such as weight pull, obedience, lure coursing, dock diving, and more! More information on this rebate training rewards program will be sent home with our Puppy Package for approved buyers.

Please provide the contact information for any professional trainer(s) you plan to work with.

Training Company Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Trainer Name:

If there is not a puppy in the litter that appears to be suited to your needs in terms of temperament, breeding potential, future plans, etc., we will not sell you a puppy from that litter. Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade will refund your deposit, or, at your request, hold it towards a puppy from another litter. Our Deposit Contract addresses this situation in greater detail, which can be previewed on our website. Is this acceptable? **Y/N**

All of our wolfdog puppies, regardless of wolf percentage, will be raised using the Puppy Culture method. Our Low Content litters (50% Gray Wolf or less) and Mid Content litters (51% to 74% Gray Wolf) go home at 10 weeks of age. Our Upper Mid Content litters (75% to 84% Gray Wolf) go home at 9 weeks of age. Our High Content litters (85% to 99% Gray Wolf) go home at 8 weeks of age.

Puppies will be evaluated using the Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test at 49 days of age, and their conformation will be evaluated around 7-8 weeks of age. Prior to being sent home, all puppies will be Embark tested, microchipped, receive initial veterinary care and vaccines appropriate for their age, and will have their first OFA CAER eye exam. We will use this information to place puppies in homes that we feel fit each puppy best. Only after this testing is completed will you be offered a specific puppy or choice of puppies. First come is not necessarily first served, because it is more important to us that we place puppies in well-matched homes. As the breeder, we have intimate knowledge of the litter based on 8-10 weeks of close observation. As a buyer, your opportunities to observe the puppies are limited.

Knowing this, are you willing to wait potentially until the puppies are 7-9 weeks of age to let us select a puppy for you to pick up at 8-10 weeks of age (depending on wolf content) – one who will best suit your needs and wants? **Y/N**

**All puppies must be picked up by their owners in-person.** Shipping/transporting of puppies by third parties to their homes is **not permitted under any circumstances**. Accommodations for ground transport may be made with the breeder at additional expense on a case-by-case basis, where **we can drive the puppy to you for a reasonable fee**. No puppies who are F1, F2, F3, or F4 will be homed outside of the continental United States of America. Are you willing to travel to Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade in Texas to pick up your puppy in-person? **Y/N**

Our preference is that our wolfdog puppies travel to their new home by car, to minimize the negative experiences and risks of long-distance travel for the puppy. Wolfdogs are large breed dogs and **8–10-week-old wolfdog puppies WILL exceed the 20 lbs. pet + crate weight limit for carry-on travel on airplanes. This means that they will have to travel in the cargo hold of the airplane.** We very strongly recommend against this method of transport to bring your new puppy home. Cargo shipping young puppies can be a very scary experience for them. Due to the wolfdog’s more sensitive nature, this type of experience has a strong chance of negatively affecting the puppy, possibly for life, and can lead to the puppy developing a more fearful and unsocial temperament. There are also health risks for cargo shipping young puppies and senior dogs due to extreme temperatures, fluctuations in air pressure, and risk of lack of sufficient oxygen in the cargo hold. We encourage you to do your research and plan ahead to determine the safest travel accommodations for you and your new puppy.

Do you understand that making travel arrangements (including factoring in cost of travel, which is in addition to the Total Purchase Price of the puppy) is your responsibility and is required in order to pick up your puppy from us? **Y/N**

I attest that the information on this application is complete and true to the best of my ability and knowledge. I understand that dishonesty or omission of any information on my part, whether accidental or purposeful, can result in the denial of my application and/or denial of final sale and forfeiture of my Deposit.

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 First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name (type or sign) Date

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. This is a very important step in our application process, and we are very much looking forward to getting to know you better. **All completed applications can be submitted via email to:** **wolfdogsoftheebonblade@gmail.com****.** We may also request photos of your current pets, containment, etc. to further evaluate your suitability as a potential home for one of our puppies. If you have any additional questions for us, we are always happy to discuss them with you.

More information about our kennel and wolfdogs can be found on our website: [www.wolfdogsoftheebonblade.com](http://www.wolfdogsoftheebonblade.com)

Or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WolfdogsoftheEbonBlade>