

Information and Rules for Puppy Adoption

PLEASE READ BEFORE PLACING A DEPOSIT

1.) You first will need to complete our screening form and receive acceptance notification in order to place a deposit. Once we receive your deposit, you will be placed on our early deposits waiting list.

[NOTE: *** You will not be considered on the Reserve List until the appropriate down payment has been received. Once moneys are received, you will receive a confirmation that you are on our Deposit Reservation List.***

It will be your responsibility to make sure that you are on our Deposit Reservation puppy list. Always make sure you have received a conformation email from me after sending in your deposit to make sure I have received your information and deposit and have placed you on our list.]

2.) Once one of our girls is confirmed pregnant, we will contact ALL interested people that are on our deposit waiting list for a puppy.

3.) Everyone on our waiting list will have 1 week to let us know if they would like to COMMIT their deposit to that particular litter.

4.) Subsequent to 1 complete week, a list will be formulated on a first come, first serve basis in the order in which your deposits were received. (This number will be your number on the waiting list).

[NOTE: ****IF YOU COMMIT YOUR DEPOSIT TO A PARTICULAR LITTER, AND THE COLOR AND/OR SEX OF THE TYPE OF PUPPY YOU WANT IS BORN, BUT YOU CANNOT **OR** DO NOT WANT THAT PUPPY, YOUR ORIGINAL ORDER SEQUENCE WILL BE LOST AND YOU WILL HAVE TO FALL TO THE BACK OF THE LIST FOR ANOTHER FUTURE LITTER****

****IF THE COLOR AND/OR SEX OF THE PUPPY YOU WANT IS **NOT** BORN, THEN YOU WILL **NOT** LOSE YOUR ORDER SEQUENCE AND YOUR ORDER SEQUENCE WILL APPLY TO THE NEXT DESIRED LITTER****]

5.) Once your selected litter arrives, we will send out periodic up-dates to the people on the waiting list for that litter, letting you know how many puppies are born and how many of each sex and color. Once the puppy's personality, looks, and energy level has appeared, then, you will be able to pick your puppy in the order in which we received the deposit.

6.) At this point, if you would like one of these puppies, you **MUST COMMIT** your deposit to **THAT** puppy from **THAT** litter. If for some reason, you do not desire any of the puppies from that litter, you will be placed back on the paid waiting list to be notified about future litters.

[NOTE: To Be Perfectly Clear, Once You Place A Deposit On A Particular Puppy, You Will Be Considered **Committed** To Purchase That Puppy. If You Are Unable To Purchase Your Puppy, Your Deposit Will Be LOST!!!!!!]

7.) If For Any Reason, You Do Not End Up With the Puppy You Choose...FIRST, The Pup Will Be Made Available To The Next Person On The List **Or** ...Second, Other Interested Parties That Are Not On Our Early Deposit Waiting List!

[NOTE: ***The First Pick Male and/or Female are automatically reserved by the Owner. If a first-pick pup (male and/or female) was not chosen as breeding stock for our breeding program, then it will be made available to the first person in line for pet selection. These first round pups will be priced **not** at **pet prices** but at **breeder prices.**]

MORE DETAILS

Once a litter is born **and** if you would like to participate in the 'pick of the litter' option, **and** that particular pup is available, just let us know and make your deposit; we will put that pup under your name on our deposits list.

[NOTE: Remember, the pick of the litter puppies will be priced at full, breeding price and will not be available at a reduced pet price.]

If more than 1 person wants a certain color or sex of puppy, the actual selection process for each puppy will occur when the pups

are between 4-6 weeks of age. The first person on the list will get the first pick of the litter. However, if there is only 1 person who wants a specific color or sex, and such a pup is available, a commitment could be made before 4-6 weeks. On occasion, however, we might have to ask you to wait for a genetic, color analysis be made before you selection process can occur to verify such desired characteristics. Depending on your desired characteristics, you might be charge for such analysis.

Our Early Deposits List Lasts Forever

We do understand that sometimes life works out differently than we imagine, and if you find that you will be unable to adopt your new puppy in the time frame you had previously thought, that is ok, as our deposits are good as long as you want the deposit to ride.

About Placement

Male vs Female

There is something to getting a female if you already have a male... however, it may not be quite what you would expect...If you already have a dog, then the opposite sex is always a good choice. If you were to just close your eyes and pick a puppy, the chances that our puppies will get along with your current dog is very good. However, this approach might not be the best way to choose a pup. A puppy should first be chosen for its temperament as well as its ability to get along with your current dog(s) regardless of sex. We have found this way is always the best way to determine which puppy is for you and your family.

The Appearance Of A Male vs. Female Puppy

Yes, many males do have a more massive look and they do tend to get slightly taller and heavier than their female counterpart...in American Danes this is most noticeable...however, in European Danes, it is less noticeable as their females are quite big, thick and boxy as well.

With an American/European cross, both sexes can almost look identical...some females in the litter will be smaller but it also possible that some males will be smaller ... thus, you can end-up with a female who outgrows her male counterpart in height, weight and even looks! In this case, it is best to look at previous litters to be able to extrapolate what general characteristics of the expected puppies could be produced.

When I look for new Danes, I look for muscular bodies with a wide chest and a well-defined, chiseled head. In addition, I always look for the desired characteristics in both parents of the puppy. American lines typically have smaller heads and tighter skin. European lines usually have looser skin and bigger heads. Due to their fuller, loose lips, European lines tend to drool more than American or crosses. It is, however, all in the genetics. This is what we typically expect to see in the litters, but to the exact degree that the phenotype is expressed, we always just have to wait and see post-birth.

Puppy Registration

All of our family-pet Great Dane puppies will be placed in homes on an AKC limited registration (i.e. **WITHOUT BREEDING RIGHTS**). They will have spay/neuter contracts.

The limited puppy registration will be made available to you once you have presented to us a veterinarian proof of sterilization. If you plan on breeding your puppy, your intentions **MUST** be made known to us at the time of deposit. In such cases, exceptions may be given for full AKC registration to proven, reputable breeders but at our discretion.

AKC registration names **MUST** include *Allen's Ridge* in their name.

We value our lines and reputation. While they are in our home, we treat them as our children. When they leave us, we still feel a bond with these special little ones and would love to be kept abreast as to how they are doing.

They are... **“Forever OURs, Forever in our hearts”**

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