

The Perfect Pomsky

HEALTH TESTING & OUR BREEDING PROGRAM

Thoughtful genetics. Purposeful puppy development. Lifelong care begins before birth.

BEAUTY MATTERS. TEMPERAMENT MATTERS. HEALTH MATTERS MOST.

Our program combines genetic information, carefully planned pairings, preventive puppy care, structured early development, and hands-on observation from birth through go-home day.

A detailed look inside how we raise The Perfect Pomsky



1. Genetics First

Every breeding decision begins with information. Our breeding dogs receive extensive DNA testing so we can better understand inherited health risks and the traits each dog may pass to future puppies. We also study coat color, pattern, pigmentation, and eye-color-associated genetics because we want our puppies to be both exceptionally healthy and visually beautiful.

WHAT WE STUDY

Genetics gives us another layer of information when planning a pairing.

- Breed-relevant inherited health markers and known genetic risks
- Coat color genetics and pigment traits
- Coat patterns and other inherited appearance traits
- Eye-color-associated traits, including the potential for blue eyes or heterochromia
- Genetic diversity, parentage, and traits carried through our bloodlines

HEALTH BEFORE COLOR

We love breathtaking Pomskies - striking masks, beautiful coats, and unforgettable eyes - but appearance never comes before health. We first consider whether a pairing is genetically appropriate. Only then do we consider the cosmetic traits we hope the parents may produce.

MORE THAN A DNA RESULT

DNA testing is one tool in a responsible breeding program. It does not replace hands-on evaluation, veterinary care, pedigree knowledge, temperament assessment, or other health screening that may be appropriate for an individual dog. We use the information together to make more thoughtful decisions.

2. OFA Health Testing: Beyond DNA

DNA testing tells us what genetic variants a dog carries. OFA health testing gives us another important layer of information by evaluating the dog in front of us. Our breeding dogs are OFA tested as part of our program because responsible breeding should consider both inherited genetic information and the physical health of each parent.

WHY OFA MATTERS

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) maintains health screening programs and health records used by responsible breeders. OFA evaluations can reveal important physical-health information that a DNA panel alone cannot provide. That gives us objective information to consider before a dog becomes part of a breeding plan.

WHAT OFA SCREENING CAN EVALUATE

The exact evaluations used can depend on a dog's age, ancestry, size, and the screening protocol being followed. OFA screening may include areas such as:

- Orthopedic health, including hips and other joints when appropriate
- Patellar health, an important consideration in many smaller dogs
- Cardiac screening
- Eye examinations and other breed-relevant health evaluations
- Documented results that can be reviewed when planning future pairings

WHY DNA TESTING IS NOT ENOUGH

A DNA panel can identify many known inherited variants, but it cannot tell us everything about a dog's actual joints, heart, eyes, or other physical systems. OFA evaluation adds phenotype-based health information - what is physically present in the dog - to the genetic information we already have.

DNA + OFA = A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE

A clear DNA panel does not guarantee that a dog will never develop a health condition, and an OFA evaluation cannot predict every possible future problem. Used together, DNA testing, OFA screening, veterinary care, pedigree knowledge, temperament, structure, and hands-on observation give us a much more complete picture of a potential breeding dog.

HOW WE USE THE RESULTS

We use OFA information as part of our decision-making before planning a litter. Our goal is to choose parents that complement one another not only in appearance, coat, color, size, and temperament, but also in the health information available to us. Testing is about reducing avoidable risk and making every generation more intentional.

Beautiful Pomsies should have more behind them than beautiful photographs.

3. Thoughtful Pairings & Bloodlines

We are not simply choosing two pretty dogs and hoping for pretty puppies. Every planned litter is evaluated as a complete picture. Our goal is to complement the strengths of both parents and continually improve the qualities we value in our Pomsies.

HEALTH GENETICS

We review available DNA information and inherited health markers before planning a pairing.

TEMPERAMENT

We value affectionate, intelligent, confident dogs that can become wonderful family companions.

STRUCTURE & SIZE

We consider mature size, proportion, movement, overall build, and the physical balance of the pairing.

COAT, COLOR & PATTERN

We study inherited coat traits, color and pattern so we can understand what a pairing may reasonably produce.

EYE TRAITS

We consider the genetics behind pigmentation and eye color while never treating eye color as more important than health.

BLOODLINES

We consider the dogs behind each parent and what those lines have historically contributed in health, type, temperament, and appearance.

4. From Birth: Early Development

Once puppies arrive, the focus shifts from planning to development. Those first weeks matter. We use age-appropriate handling, enrichment, and structured exposure to help each puppy begin building confidence and adaptability.

EARLY NEUROLOGICAL STIMULATION (ENS)

During the appropriate neonatal developmental window, puppies may receive brief, controlled ENS exercises. ENS is not a test - it is a structured early-stimulation protocol intended to introduce mild, age-appropriate sensory experiences.

EARLY SCENT INTRODUCTION (ESI)

Before puppies can fully see or hear the world, their sense of smell is already active. We introduce safe, age-appropriate scents to encourage early olfactory engagement and curiosity.

GENTLE HANDLING & HUMAN CONNECTION

As puppies mature, they are gradually accustomed to gentle handling of the body, paws, ears, face, and mouth. This helps make normal care such as grooming, nail trims, examinations, and cuddling more familiar.

CONFIDENCE BUILDING & ENRICHMENT

As developmental stages allow, puppies experience new textures, surfaces, toys, sounds, simple obstacles, household activity, and age-appropriate novelty. We introduce new experiences gradually rather than overwhelming them.

USING THEIR BRAINS

Pomskies are bright dogs. We enjoy giving our puppies opportunities for scent work, exploration, problem solving, engagement with people, and appropriate independent discovery as they grow.

5. Preventive Puppy Care

Great development must be supported by good preventive care. From birth through go-home day, puppies are closely observed and receive age-appropriate care based on their stage of development and veterinary guidance.

ROUTINE MONITORING

We closely observe appetite, hydration, stool quality, activity level, growth, weight trends, comfort, and overall development. Young puppies can change quickly, so attentive daily observation matters.

DEWORMING

Puppies are maintained on an age-appropriate parasite-control and deworming schedule. Families receive information about continuing veterinary parasite prevention after go-home.

VACCINATIONS

Puppies receive age-appropriate vaccination care based on their age and veterinary recommendations. Their new families are responsible for completing the remaining puppy vaccination series with their veterinarian.

VETERINARY CARE

Our puppies receive appropriate veterinary evaluation and care before leaving us. Any health concern that arises during puppyhood is addressed rather than ignored or hidden.

GO-HOME TRANSITION

We want the move into a new family to be as smooth as possible. Families receive care information and guidance so they can continue the puppy's health, training, socialization, and veterinary schedule at home.

6. We Learn Who Each Puppy Is

Genetics can tell us a remarkable amount about a dog. Living with a puppy every day tells us something just as important: personality.

INDIVIDUAL TEMPERAMENT

Some puppies are bold explorers. Some are observant before they join in. Some seek constant affection. Others are busy problem solvers. We watch these differences develop rather than assuming every puppy from a litter will be exactly alike.

MATCHING MATTERS

Color and eye color may catch someone's attention, but the right temperament can determine how naturally a puppy fits into a household. We encourage families to think about lifestyle and personality as well as appearance.

A FOUNDATION, NOT A FINISHED DOG

No breeder can complete a puppy's training and social development by eight weeks. What we can do is build a thoughtful foundation. The new family then continues that work through positive training, safe socialization, routine veterinary care, enrichment, and consistent boundaries.

7. What Makes Our Program Different

Our program combines science with hands-on puppy raising. We study genetics and bloodlines, plan pairings intentionally, monitor health, use early-development protocols, provide enrichment and preventive care, and spend time actually knowing the dogs and puppies in front of us.

- ✓ DNA-informed breeding decisions
- ✓ Coat, color, pattern & eye-trait genetics
- ✓ Thoughtful bloodline selection
- ✓ ENS & ESI during appropriate stages
- ✓ Age-appropriate enrichment & handling
- ✓ Deworming, vaccinations & veterinary care

✓ Temperament & structure considerations

✓ Hands-on observation through go-home day

We are not simply raising puppies. We are building the future of our little Pomsky pack.

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