

Puppy Adoption Process & What You Can Expect

Placing a Nonrefundable Deposit

The **first step** in our adoption process begins **after you've spoken with Sherry or Koedi**. This conversation gives us a chance to learn more about your lifestyle, preferences, and what you're looking for in a puppy. We'll answer your questions, review expected litter timelines, and discuss current or upcoming availability. Most importantly, we'll make sure it feels like the **right fit on both sides**—we want each puppy placed in a home where they will thrive, and where the match is truly mutual. Once we've had that conversation and agree to move forward, a **nonrefundable deposit** is required to reserve your place in line for a puppy. This deposit:

- **Secures your spot** on the reservation list for an upcoming litter
- **Is applied to your total adoption fee**
- **Is nonrefundable**, as it represents your commitment to joining the litter list

After your deposit has been received, we will send you a **Deposit Agreement** via DocuSign. After signing, your reservation is officially confirmed! When it's time to make your final puppy selection (around 6–7 weeks of age), we'll send out the **Puppy Purchase Agreement** for your signature. You're welcome to preview both agreements on our website at any time. Once both are signed, you'll be well on your way to bringing home your new puppy!

Regular Updates & Communication

Once the mom-to-be enters her heat cycle,or we have a confirmed breeding, we'll create a **private Facebook group** for all families who've placed a deposit. This group is the primary hub for:

- Updates on pregnancy progress
- Photos and videos of the puppies as they grow
- Helpful information and guidance during the 8-week developmental period

Please be patient as we share updates—many of your questions will be answered along the way! If there are any changes to the breeding schedule or litter plans, we will notify families individually. Our goal is to keep you informed and excited every step of the way.

Puppy Picks

Around **6–7 weeks of age**, we'll host an **in-person Puppy Pick event**. Families will visit in the order of their place on the reservation list and will have a **1-hour time slot** to meet the puppies and make their final selection. Pick order is determined by the date we received your deposit and applies within your preferred gender (if applicable).

We schedule these appointments carefully and in advance, so we kindly ask that families be **mindful of their assigned time slot** and arrive on time. Maintaining the schedule ensures each family gets their full opportunity to meet the puppies, ask questions, and make a confident choice without feeling rushed. If you're unable to attend in person, we'll work with you virtually to help make your selection.

Keep in mind that puppies are still very young during this stage and may be sleepy, playful, or shy depending on the moment. We encourage you to observe each puppy over your visit and trust your instincts—we're here to support your decision. We're also happy to offer insight based on each puppy's developing temperament and energy level to help you feel confident in your choice. Please remember that temperament and behavior can continue to shift as puppies grow, and much of their long-term development is shaped by consistent training and structure at home.

This is a special experience where you can interact with the litter and find the perfect match for your home. We'll be there to guide you through the process and offer support every step of the way.

Vaccinations & Preventative Care

Before going home, your puppy will receive:

- **Deworming:** Routine fenbendazole treatments to ensure your puppy is free of intestinal parasites
- **Vaccinations:** Core vaccines (Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2, Parvo, Parainfluenza) administered at 7 weeks
- **Microchip:** Implanted and prepaid for registration with **AKC Reunite** for added security if your puppy is ever lost. Families will need to complete a quick enrollment step to link their contact information to the chip.

Health & Insurance Coverage

Your puppy will also go home with the following health protections:

- **Veterinary Exam:** A full head-to-tail examination performed by our experienced veterinarian, a **Board-Certified Canine Reproductive Specialist (Theriogenologist)**
- **Written Health Report:** Detailing the results of the vet check
- **Prepaid AKC Health Insurance:** 30 days of coverage
- **Trupanion Insurance:** An additional 30 days of emergency coverage

- **AKC Veterinary Network Certificate:** One free wellness visit with a participating veterinarian

🔍 **Important Note on Vet Exams:**
Once the puppies are evaluated by our vet, we will notify each family of **any health findings**, including minor or temporary conditions. For example, it's not unusual for a vet to detect a benign puppy heart murmur during early exams. These murmurs are often harmless and typically resolve on their own as the puppy matures. Nonetheless, we believe in full transparency—so if **any health findings** are noted (such as heart murmurs or other conditions), you'll be notified **before pickup**, with guidance on next steps if needed.

Crate Training & Transition

We begin **crate training** 1–2 weeks before your puppy goes home to help them settle into their new environment more smoothly. Your puppy will also go home with:

- A **baby blanket** scented with their mother and littermates for comfort
- A comprehensive **Puppy Guidebook and Puppy Behavior Handbook**, shared via the Facebook group. This guide covers puppy care, basic training, nutrition, socialization tips, and what to expect in the first few weeks

Going Home

Puppies are ready to go home at **8 weeks of age**. By this point, they will have received:

- First round of vaccinations
- Veterinary Report
- Early socialization and crate training

Final payment is due at pickup (cash only, please).
We accept **cash only at pickup** to ensure a smooth and secure transaction on go-home day. This helps us avoid delays or issues that can come with electronic payments, such as processing holds, transfer errors, or failed transactions. We appreciate your understanding and preparation in bringing the correct amount in cash when you arrive to take your puppy home!

Please note: For the health and well-being of every puppy, we do not allow early pickups under any circumstances. Puppies need the full 8 weeks with their mother and littermates for proper development—physically, emotionally, and socially. We thank you for respecting this timeline!

Additional Information

- **AKC Limited Registration:** Puppies go home with **Prepaid AKC Limited Registration** (Pet Homes Only – not for breeding)
- **Lifetime Support:** We're here for you and your puppy—always. From the day you take them home to years down the road, we're just a message away