

Harrington Doodles

Because life is sweeter with the perfect pet

Guardian Home Considerations

Thank you for your interest in our wonderful puppies. Below is a quick overview of our core values and who we feel will make an exceptional guardian home.

- Must love dogs; want a puppy of your own to raise, exercise, train, and love throughout their life.
- Have a safe and secure home in which to raise the puppy/dog.
- Guardian pays for food and vet bills (with exception of vet bills related to pregnancy)
- Feed our high-quality dog food (Life's Abundance only; best value for cost of any food out there) and NuVet Vitamins.
- Willing to part with dog for her "date" (usually 7 days) and then approximately 8 weeks when she has her puppies. Pups are typically done nursing by 6-7 weeks, so the stay with us would not extend past 8 weeks. For boys, "date" could be anywhere from 1 – 7 days. If it makes sense, he can return home to you at night. This will depend on the female and vet.
- Mamas do love their puppies, but by about 6 weeks they start to spend more time away from the puppy pack. By 7 weeks, they like to romp with our other adult dogs for longer play sessions. And by 8 weeks, they seem quite happy to resume their pre-puppy life. (Similarly, pups by 8 weeks prefer a human all to themselves than their packmates.)
- When dog is in heat, avoid any contact with unneutered males. Heat cycle is typically 2-3 weeks every 6-8 months. There is some bleeding for 2-3 weeks. It is not a lot of blood -- a woman's thin panty liner inside a doggie diaper is typically changed one a day.
- Expectation is that the female guardian dog will be successfully bred 3 times by Harrington Doodles over a 3-year period. We have exclusive breeding rights and determine the breeding schedule. When final breeding is complete, she must be spayed. At this point, we will turn over full ownership to you. You are not required to stay in contact, but we hope you will. For male guardians, boy may be used up to three times a year. In most cases it will be one or two.
- Puppy is discounted to guardians; We occasionally have a **slightly older pup/dog** available.
- A formal contract is prepared which stipulates that you would not be liable for unborn puppies in the event an accident occurred during pregnancy.
- Guardian understands that they are an important part of our business and Harrington Doodles pledge to not overbreed. We carefully select pup to continue our lines and plan litters far in advance. There is not an option to pay full price for a guardian dog and exit the contract early because the dog cannot be replaced.
- We have an impeccable reputation for breeding high quality Goldendoodles and Bernedoodles. The ideal candidate will take pride in knowing their dog's path will allow more families, especially those with special needs children, to enjoy a wonderful puppy from Harrington Doodles.
- Supporting family breeders is one way to eliminate puppy mills.

You'll have questions, no doubt! And we are happy to have further conversation.