

Dalmatian Breeding Expenses for your first Litter of 8 Puppies Sold at \$2000 each

Assuming you already own your female, she is young and healthy and you have breeding rights.

Low End	High End
\$400	\$900 Health Testing of Dam (this is typically a one time expense)
\$2,000	\$2,000 Stud Fee (assuming a median stud fee, some are a little less, some more)
\$125	\$125 Vet Check of Mom prior to breeding
\$320	\$320 Quality Dog Food for Mom (Mom's eat 2x to 3x their normal amounts)
\$250	\$250 Vet check of Mom prior to whelping (48-50 days) include Ultrasound
\$80	\$480 Vaccines for Puppies (Low if you give them yourself, high if you have vet do it at check up)
\$600	\$800 BAER Hearing Testing Puppies
\$232	\$232 Vet Check-up of Puppies
\$240	\$800 DNA Testing Puppies (low end is single test such as LUA, high end is complete panel)
\$32	\$160 MicroChipping Puppies (low end if you buy them and insert yourself, high end if your vet does them)
\$38	\$38 Registration Fee's for Litter/Puppies
\$90	\$120 Deworming of Puppies. (this varies based on your area and the wormer that works best there)
\$130	\$130 Puppy Pads (these are for the relatively low cost disposable, reusable have higher cost and add to utilites)
\$250	\$250 Cleaning & Supplies (laundry detergent, bleach, hand saniter, enzyme cleaner)
\$60	\$60 Paper Towels (this varies but at least this much for cleaning messses and pens)
\$20	\$300 Whelping Box. (these can often last several litters if cared for)
\$65	\$65 Heat Lamps (these can often last several years if cared for)
\$50	\$200 Puppy Pen for aged 4-6 wks (during weaning - smaller pen for small pups - these are often re-used)
\$120	\$500 Puppy Pen for 6 wks and older (bigger pups outgrow small pens quickly - these are often re-used)
\$150	\$150 Puppy Food
\$28	\$28 Puppy Bowls (these can often last several years if cared for)
\$40	\$40 Towels (these can sometimes last 2-3 litters)
\$25	\$50 Blankets (usually destroyed by end of each litter)
\$125	\$125 Weaning Formula
\$200	\$200 Extra Supplements (Dyne, Probiotics, Electrolytes, Etc)
\$1,080	\$1,400 State and Local Sales Tax
\$0	\$1,200 License Fee (depends on your city, county, state)
\$450	\$450 Extra Utilities @ 150/mo for 3 months (heat lamps use lots of power, extra water is needed for cleaning everything)
\$216	\$600 Puppy Care Packages (for going home, Small Bag of Food, Leash and Collar, Favorite Toy)
\$2,400	\$2,400 Federal Income Tax (@22% Tax Bracket - IRS no longer allows expenses to be deducted from Hobby Income)
\$2,500	\$5,000 Emergency Vet fund \$2500-\$5000 (Emergency C-Section, Dystocia, Mastitis etc.) Alternatively have a credit card you can RELY on that has at least this much SET ASIDE!
\$12,316	\$19,373
	These expenses are not all inclusive and do not cover things like gas for vet trips (some of which can be a long distance away such as BAER Tesing. State Income Taxes are also not included.

As you will see the math says 8 pups raised for 4 months and adopted out for \$2000 each for a total of \$16,000 may result in a "profit" of \$4000-\$6000.

All it really takes to loose money quickly is to not place all 8 pups for full price, or for you to have an Emergency Vet issue.

More pups equals more income, which means more costs in BAER testing, DNA testing, Vet Exams, Food, Taxes and Supplies.

While these amounts might seem high to you, they are actually quite standard. As a few items are re-usable as noted, most are consumed each litter.

For those of you thinking you can do it cheaper, take a look at this list and what are you going to eliminate? Quality of food? Vet care? Not pay taxes?