

## Mariposa Havanese Puppy Inquiry

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These dogs were all bred by Mariposa Havanese

Thank you for your interest in my dogs. Mariposa Havanese was born in 2008 from my passion and love for this breed. Since 2008 I have become active in the Havanese Club of America, the Central Carolina Havanese Club, Havanese Resue, the Charlotte Dog Training Club and our local all breed club, Piedmont Kennel Club. My point in sharing all of this is to let you know that I deeply care for the future of this breed!

At Mariposa, I breed for HEALTH, TEMPERAMENT & TYPE. The Havanese Breed Standard captures the essence of the ideal Havanese I strive to breed. You can find the Breed Standard on the Havanese Club of America website at [www.havanese.org](http://www.havanese.org) as well as on the "Resource" page of my website, [www.havaneseatmariposa.com](http://www.havaneseatmariposa.com)

Both the sire's and dam's hips have been OFA certified free of canine hip dysplasia. Patellas have been OFA registered as "normal". Their hearing has been BAER (brainstem auditory evoked response) tested and confirmed normal. Eyes are examined annually by a veterinary ophthalmologist and certified by the OFA Eye Certification Registry to be free from inherited juvenile cataracts. Both parents have had all the required testing recommended by the Havanese Club of America for the Havanese Breed. (<http://www.havanese.org>). In addition, I have chosen to test for cardiac & thyroid disease. All test results are "normal".

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Every effort is made to produce sound, healthy puppies by breeding only dogs (parents) that are certified free from known genetic diseases or problems and by raising the puppies in the best way possible with respect to diet, exercise, socialization and veterinary care. Puppies are kept with their mother and littermates until they are 10 weeks old.

This is what I do full time. You will hear the word "socialization" as you search for a puppy. The thing is, what exactly does that mean? There is more to socialization than playing with children and meeting a variety of people. It involves imprinting the puppies with experiences and sounds they will likely experience during their life. You can visit [www.puppyculture.com](http://www.puppyculture.com) to see examples of some of the ways I socialize my puppies.

We begin when puppies are a few days old with gentle handling. Weight is monitored daily. On day 3 puppies begin Carmen Battaglia's Early Neurological Stimulation, which continues through day 16. They are exposed to different surfaces, smells and touch all before they open their eyes at about 14 days. Two to Four weeks of age is a transitional period for puppies. Their eyesight and coordination are developing as they practice walking. Their ears open at approximately 3 weeks of age. We have gentle grandchildren who come to visit and trusted friends and family who assist us in handling the puppies. In this way, the puppies learn to trust men women and children. During this time, the puppies will be ready to move into a small ex-pen with a bed and a litter box. This is the beginning of potty training. They do not like to soil their bed so they will leave the bed and go to the box. They will hear a CD of many sounds such as thunder & fireworks, as well as various household noises while the pups are nursing or playing with siblings. This imprints the puppies so they do not fear these sounds.

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Once puppies are 4-6 weeks old, I may allow visits outdoors weather permitting. With covid-19 to consider I have made some adjustments to visits. If levels of covid-19 should become a problem, please know that I may require masks or limit visits again.

At 4-6 weeks of age puppies are learning to play with each other. I begin clicker training so the puppies will learn to sit and look at you when they want something

**Puppies are placed based on temperament and are matched to each home based on environment and whatever expectations you have for the dog.** I do NOT place puppies based on gender or color.

**I will listen to any requests and make note of them, however, I do not guarantee requests.**

Between 5 and 6 weeks, the puppies are ready for some serious playtime. I set up another pen, the litter box, a crate with no door and a selection of toys. The puppies love this and it is their first real opportunity to "go to" the box. This is all about practice so it is positive and I encourage them. There will be accidents as they are learning. Frequently something new is added such as: a tunnel, a low ramp, a toddler slide, or a "ball pit". This teaches problem solving.

Weather permitting, the puppies are taken outside for fresh air and sunshine daily at the warmest part of the day, either on my deck or in a small fenced in area of the yard. Another goal here is for puppies to have experienced/walked on many surfaces. Some examples are, laminate floor, carpet, tile, wood, grass, small pebbles, cement, asphalt & stepping stones.

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At 6 weeks, we take car rides locally to introducing car travel. We also host a "puppy party" and invite a few dog trainer friends. Puppies go to each person/station for 1-2 minutes for an activity using the clicker and treats for rewards.

At 7 weeks we do temperament evaluations (discussed in "The Focused Puppy" book). This requires a person the puppies do not know so I schedule as close to 7 weeks as possible. The evaluation measures their recovery/curiosity to visual and auditory startle.

In the 8<sup>th</sup> week, we should see the puppy's baby teeth in and can evaluate the bite. I also soap the puppies to check for straight legs and structure. At this point you can expect to know which puppy in the litter will go home with you. I will ask you to mail me a small cloth with your family member's scent on it. This includes any pets. Upon request, I will mail you a cloth with your puppy's scent on it to put on the floor for your pet to discover and experience as non-threatening before puppy goes home.

At 9 weeks, puppies go to the vet for a check up and their 1<sup>st</sup> DHPP shot. The crate is introduced for night-time sleeping around 9 weeks of age. Your scent cloth will be placed in your puppy's crate so puppy can get to know you even before going home!

At 10 weeks, puppies are ready to adjust and bond in their new homes. By this time, each puppy is sleeping individually in crate overnight from approximately 10 pm to 6 am.

Puppies are \$3,000 (This includes AKC registration and microchipping) and are sold on a spay/neuter contract, which I will e-mail a copy on request for review, and a limited AKC registration (may not be used for breeding). Rarely do I sell a puppy on a full contract and will only do so to someone I already know.

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After the puppies are born, I request a \$800 deposit to reserve a puppy via Venmo, Zelle or PayPal. Photos are posted weekly on my invitation only Facebook page as well as the website. Once we receive your \$800 deposit, you will receive access to our puppy cam for several hours each afternoon. You will enjoy watching mommy care for her young pups and as their personalities develop, you will get an idea of personality and temperament. Keep in mind that you only see a small window into their day on the camera. I am most concerned with puppy's health, match to the Havanese Club of America's breed standard and temperament

While you are waiting for your puppy I recommend you purchase "The Focused Puppy". Just about everything in this book, I agree with. This book can be found on Amazon and Clean Run. Once your deposit is paid, upon request, I will loan you a set of DVD's showing the Puppy Culture Program.

I am available for questions via email or phone calls to anyone seeking information concerning Havanese. You may need to leave a voice message to which I will respond within a few days as I do get a lot of calls!

At least one of the adults who lives in the home must pick up the puppy. I want to meet you! If driving isn't feasible, you may of course fly to pick up your puppy and fly home with the puppy in cabin with you. We are 10 miles south of Charlotte, NC and a 40 minute drive from Charlotte Douglas airport (CLT). Greenville Spartanburg airport (GSP) is 1 ½ hours from us if you prefer. Puppies will not be shipped or sent to you with a "flight nanny" or transportation service.

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My puppies go home with the following items:

AKC Registration

health records for puppy showing 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination and worming  
contract, pedigrees of parents, parents health testing records

notebook with written care instructions for puppy

a 24" plastic travel crate along with crate mat that has mom's scent  
a sleeping buddy/stuffed toy

Bully Stick or Himalayan chew

toothbrush

sample shampoo or shampoo bar

body & face combs

leash & harness

4# bag of food

I ask that you follow the vaccination protocol that I provide and that you notify me in the event any health concern is brought up by your vet BEFORE treatment. This will protect your puppy health guarantee.

It is required that you attend a puppy kindergarten or STAR puppy class with your puppy as soon as possible once puppy goes home and will assist you in finding a suitable training class with a certified trainer. (No sending puppy away to be trained) When you train puppy, this builds your relationship. A good place to begin looking for a class is your local kennel club. The Association of Pet Dog Trainers website [www.APDT.com](http://www.APDT.com) allows you to enter your zip code as well as the distance you are willing to travel to attend class. The greatest value of attending a class is for your puppy to learn to listen to and focus on you with the distraction of other people and dogs nearby. At the class, you will receive instructions on what to practice during the week before attending class the next week. This homework is crucial and can be implemented in your schedule a few minutes at a time.

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If you are interested in one of our puppies, after reading this letter, please provide the following information about yourself via email (my email address is at bottom of page). I will contact you to schedule a phone call after I receive your email.

- Name, age, phone # & email address of all adults in the home
- Your home address
- Occupation and work hours (for all adults who work outside of the home)
- Why you want a Havanese
- I place my puppies based on temperament so please confirm that you are flexible in regard to color & gender
- Home environment (kids-ages, yard, fenced ?, other pets, etc.)
- Past experience with dogs for each adult
- Comment on your time, energy & physical ability to train, raise, & exercise your Havanese
- Please share a brief description of how your puppy will live in your home (sleeping area, play area, activities, etc.)
- An important consideration is to have a plan as to who will care for your Havanese when you travel if you are not able to take puppy along. Dog sitter at your home, friends or family are best. Havanese don't do well in a typical boarding facility as they require lots of human interaction.
- It is also important to start thinking about who will take care of your dog in the event you can no longer take care of him/her. No one thinks this will happen. Sadly, it does and has happened. As a responsible breeder, I will always take one of my dogs back if needed. Most people prefer the dog go to a friend or family member that they have spent time with during their life.

Again, Thank you for your interest in this delightful breed!

Michele (Nieberding)

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