

Mariposa Havanese Puppy Inquiry



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. All of my dogs are raised in our home as part of our family. Our household consists of my husband, myself and our fabulous Havanese. I have been a member of the Central Carolina Havanese Club since 2009 & have served on the board for 7 years. One year as Vice President, two years as Secretary and 4 years as Treasurer. Currently I am giving others a chance to serve and contribute. I have been a member of the Piedmont Kennel Club since 2010 & served on the board for 2 years as the 2nd Vice President followed by 2 years as Membership Chair. I have been a member of Havanese Rescue since 2012 serving on the board as well as Veterinary Liaison. I applied for membership in the Havanese Club of America in 2011 and was approved. During our annual Havanese National Specialties, I have served as Judges Hospitality Chairperson, Welcome Bag Chairperson, Merchandise Co-Chairperson & Reserved Seating Chairperson twice. 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 as well as on the "Resource" page of my website, www.havaneseatmariposa.com There are some photos of my current litter & past litters on my website as well.

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.

Both the sire's and dam's hips have been OFA certified free of canine hip dysplasia. Patellas have been OFA certified as normal. Eyes are examined annually by a veterinary ophthalmologist OFA Eye Certification Registry to be free from inherited juvenile cataracts. Both parents have had all the testing required by the Havanese Club of America for the Havanese Breed and results are posted on the OFA website. As a member in good standing of the Havanese Club of America, I am committed to completing the above testing for my breeding dogs. In addition, I have chosen to test for hearing, cardiac & thyroid disease. All test results are "normal".

This is what I do full time. Socialization is taken very seriously, I keep my puppies until they are 10 weeks of age to ensure they have the valuable social experiences with their mother & littermates. However, there is more to socialization that 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 to see examples of some of the ways I socialize my puppies.

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We begin when puppies are a few days old with gentle handling. Weight is monitored daily. On day 3 we 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, and they practice walking. Their ears open at approximately 3 weeks of age. They will hear a CD daily of many sounds such as fireworks, thunder as well as many household noises while they are nursing or playing with siblings. This imprints the puppies, so they do not fear these sounds. We have gentle grandchildren and trusted friends who visit and handle the puppies. In this way, they learn to trust men, women and children. During this time, the puppies will be ready to move to a small pen with a bed and litter box. Instinct tells them not to soil their bed so they begin to use the litter box.

Once puppies are 4-6 weeks old, visits may be scheduled outdoors weather permitting. With covid-19 to consider, some adjustments have been made to allow 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

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 all positive and I encourage them. There will be accidents as they are learning. They spend time playing and then are ready for their smaller pen and a nap. Each evening, I will clean the pen and every few days I add something new such as: a tunnel, a low ramp, a toddler slide, or a "ball pit". This teaches problem solving.

Weather permitting, the puppies are also taken outside either on my deck or in a small fenced in area of my yard. Puppies will have walked on many surfaces. Some examples are, laminate floor, carpet, tile, wood, grass, small pebbles, cement & stepping stones.

At 6 weeks, we take car rides locally to begin 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. I schedule as close to 7 weeks as possible. The evaluation measures their recovery/curiosity to visual and auditory startle.

In the 8th week, we should see the puppy's baby teeth and can evaluate the bite. I also soap the puppies to check for straight legs and structure. I continue to expose puppies to new experiences at home and weather permitting may take them out on the deck or my yard for some sunshine. At this point you can expect to know which puppy in the litter will go home with you. I will listen to requests and make note of them, however I do not guarantee requests due to priority being placed on matching temperament to each home. 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.

At 9 weeks, puppies go to the vet for a check up and their 1st DHPP shot. The crate is introduced for nighttime 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 \$3,500 (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.

A \$1000 deposit is due within 24 hours of notice that puppies have arrived with the balance due when puppies are 9 weeks of age. I will send you an invoice and you may pay via Venmo, Zelle or PayPal. Photos are posted weekly on the fb page and photos are also posted on my website. After receiving your 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. I am most concerned with puppy's health, match to the Havanese Club of America's breed standard and temperament.

At least one of the adults who are on puppy's AKC registration and who will live in the home with puppy must pick up puppy. I want to meet you! If driving isn't feasible, you may of course fly home with puppy in cabin with you. **I do not ship puppies.** We are a 40-minute drive from the Charlotte (CLT) airport and 1 ½ hours from Greenville Spartanburg (GSP) airport. You may of course fly to pick up your puppy and fly home with the puppy in cabin with you if you prefer. Puppies will not be shipped or sent to you with a "flight nanny" or transportation service.

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. After 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!

My puppies go home with:

AKC Registration

health records for puppy showing 1st vaccination and worming

contract, pedigrees & health testing of parents

a plastic travel crate along with crate mat that has mom's scent

notebook with written care instructions for puppy

a sleeping buddy/stuffed toy with mom's scent

Bully Stick or Himalayan chew

Toothbrush & sample toothpaste

sample shampoo or shampoo bar

body & face combs

leash & harness

bag of food puppy is currently eating

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.

I require that you attend a “positive reinforcement” 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 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.

If you are interested in one of our puppies, please provide 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(s), age, phone # & email address of all adults in the home
- Your home address
- Occupation and work hours (for all adult(s) 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. 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 do so. No one thinks this will happen. Sadly it does and has happened. As a responsible breeder, I will take the puppy/dog back if needed. Most people prefer for their dog to go to a friend or family member that they have spent time with during their life. I respectfully request that you leave instructions with a family member or friend to let me know where the dog will live in the event this should happen.

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

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