

Boucher Family Farm Breeding Rights Explained

Here at Boucher Family Farm, we take breeding very seriously. All our adult dogs undergo comprehensive OFA and genetic testing and are not bred until we are sure they are healthy enough to enter our breeding program with the least risk to the mom and the puppies.

A lot of thought and planning goes into who we pair and why, including temperament, physical characteristics, genetic testing factors, and color. All our adult dogs are Good Citizen Training certified because we feel it's important to pass on the best version of themselves to their offspring.

When we began our journey to help preserve this breed we fell in love with, and we were determined to do things in the best way possible for both the dogs and the humans. We were not always treated kindly or accepted by other breeders seriously or warmly, so we wanted to do things differently.

We've learned from our experiences and will not pass along the negative aspects of them to others. In the early days, we paid for breeding rights upfront along with the cost of the 8-week-old puppy, only to find in some cases that the puppy was a poor candidate for breeding.

This means we paid between \$4,500.00 and \$5,000.00 for a puppy with breeding rights that we didn't know we would even be able to use, because all the testing required to enable someone to breed in good faith doesn't end until after that 8-week-old puppy is 2 years old.

OFA and genetic testing are not inexpensive either, and unfortunately, there are often instances in which you discover a disqualifying factor at the end of this testing. Sadly, we have had several puppies who did not qualify for our breeding program, didn't live long enough to complete OFA testing, or had the unthinkable happen during gestation or birth.

It was heartbreaking largely because we lost a family member, but it was also financially keeping us from moving forward with other breeding options and prospects.

We had a very honest breeding mentor who, from the start, told us breeding is not for the faint of heart; there are a lot of negatives that can outweigh the positives, but the positives just shine brighter when you experience them. Boy, was this breeder right!

All our puppies are sold with a restricted registration without breeding rights.

Why would we ask someone to pay for something we and they don't even know they'll be able to use? This feels dishonest to us.

If any of our families would like the opportunity to breed, they can contact us once all genetic and OFA testing is complete and purchase breeding rights at that time.

We will share our experiences, heartbreaks, and triumphs, and be available if needed for advice along the way.

Prices for breeding rights will be discussed at the time we are contacted and will reflect the going rates for those rights at that time.