



## Pricing

All puppies/dogs have qualities that make them ideally suited for specific lifestyles. It is important to select a puppy that has the qualities that are suited for your lifestyle now and in the future. Puppies/dogs often overlap categories. For example, show/breed quality puppies are often well-suited for performance work and make great pets.

**All Aussies require socialization and training. No amount of good breeding can produce a good dog if the owner does not invest sufficient time in high-quality, individualized, professional training, and introducing the dog gently to a variety of situations.**

### Pet Puppies/Dogs

**\$1800 puppies; \$2500+ adults\*\***

Emerald City pet puppies are normally lower energy and more suited to a family-type lifestyle. They normally enjoy people, are well-suited to traveling, living with other pets, and being in public places. There is nothing wrong with pet puppies. They are great Aussies. However, they may do better without the pressure of competition. They are physically sound dogs.

The same health guarantees and support are provided as for performance and show/breed puppies.

Pet puppies are not intended for breeding. Their contract requires that they be spayed/neutered no later than 20 months of age.

\*\*Adults cost more because they have health/genetic testing already done, attended training classes, received extensive socialization, all of their vaccines, city licenses—things that in total, cost over \$1000-2000. They are a “sure thing” in that you know what you are getting. We have prepaid many of the first year costs, and have done the work of preparing the dog for you.

### Performance Puppies/Dogs

**\$2200**

Emerald City Performance-designated puppies/dogs are a bit higher energy, and are more suited to the pressure of physical competition such as agility, tracking, fast-cat, barn hunt, herding, etc. They are especially good learners (biddability) and want to please their human partners. Their physical structure is suited to endurance and the rigors of jumping, running, etc. These puppies/dogs are good choices for buyers interested in competition, or buyers with time for training and activity with the dogs.

These dogs are often the ones most likely to be labelled “problem pets” when they end up with inadequate owners, because the dogs are clever enough and motivated enough to get into trouble if they get bored. They do best if they have a job and on-going opportunities to develop their talents.

On the other side of it, they can be amazing partners for individuals with the time and consistency to keep them interested. These are the smart, motivated, high-performers we admire so much, who often represent the very best essence of the Australian Shepherd breed.

Spaying/neutering is required. AKC and ASCA registration applications are provided to buyers. After proof of spay/neuter is provided, full ownership is transferred to buyer.

### **“Show Quality” and “Breed Quality”**

**\$2800-\$8000+ \*\*\***

Show quality Aussies are sufficiently aligned with the ASCA and AKC breed standards (descriptions of the characteristics of the breed) and with the current trends in the way conformation-show Aussies look, that they are likely to win in conformation competition.

Not all show quality Aussies are “breed quality”, and not all “breed quality” Aussies are “show quality”. Some “show quality” conformation winners should not be bred because they carry genetic traits that make them unsuitable for producing offspring. Some “breed quality” Aussies will not be winners in the conformation ring, though they excel in other ways such as herding or other performance work; and they do not carry heritable conditions that vary from the breed standards.

For example, a dog may be used for breeding because he is an excellent herding dog with sound structure and temperament, excellent genetic make up, etc. But the dog’s physical appearance is not competitive in the conformation show ring. This dog may be able to contribute valuable traits to his offspring, in addition to producing offspring who will meet the breed standards.

All ***Emerald City dogs used for breeding are both “show quality” and “breed quality”*** meaning they have demonstrated excellence in the conformation show ring, and in the physical characteristics of Australian Shepherds. They have sound temperaments, and they have been tested to ensure they will not pass on known undesirable health traits to their offspring.

Emerald City puppies are rarely sold as “breed quality” or “show quality”. This designation is taken seriously and only puppies who are believed to have traits that can improve future generations are sold as “breed/show quality”.

Emerald City does not guarantee that “show quality” puppies will win in conformation competition, nor that they will be fit for breeding. Emerald City only guarantees that these puppies will meet or exceed the ASCA and AKC breed standards.

### **Special needs**

Various rescue organizations and occasionally breeders may offer special needs dogs. These dogs definitely should not be used for breeding and may be unsuitable for competition. Some have physical limitations such as hearing or vision deficits. Others have health conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, joint difficulties, or other health issues. Some are not compatible with specific circumstances, for example can’t live with other pets, or don’t like children, or are frightened of things, experience separation anxiety, etc.

**Special needs Aussies may still have happy lives and have love to give their families.**

***Emerald City does not sell special needs Australian Shepherds.*** If you are able to take in a special needs Aussie, please contact a local rescue organization such as Aussie Rescue and Placement Helpline (ARPH).

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\*\*\*Pricing depends on the individual sales agreement. Puppy co-ownerships result in lower pricing; puppy full ownership transfer results in higher pricing. Sales transfer of an adult finished champion may range from \$4000-\$6000. International sales may involve charges for breeder expenses for coordination, boarding, handling, travel, etc. .