

## **Waiting List and Deposit Policies:**

I require a \$500 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit to be placed on my waiting list. This deposit will be deducted from the purchase price. Payments can be made by check, cash, PayPal (fees are not covered by Hurricane Cavaliers) or credit card (must be in person). Clients are placed on the waiting list in the order of the date deposits are received (not the date you mail them). Puppies will be offered in the same chronological order as received deposits according to the sex and color preferences chosen. Clients should have some idea of what they desire in a puppy prior to placing a deposit i.e. color, sex and a second choice. However this is not required in order to be placed on our waiting list.

Before placing a deposit with us, please be certain that you are willing to wait for your special puppy. We do our best to fulfill the requests of our clients, but, genetics being what they are, we cannot predict how many pups will be produced or the sex and (sometimes) color that will result from any breeding or if the breeding will be successful and produce puppies at all.

## **Waiting List Factors:**

We receive numerous inquiries on the size of our waiting list, or the approximate time it may take for a client to receive a puppy from us. The size of the list is not always a factor in the selection process. Clients may pass on a puppy that is exactly what another client desires. Because of this, we cannot predict when a puppy will be available.

To put this in a little better perspective, we have had as many as 40+ clients on the waiting list. Part of the reason for the length of the list was due to breeding problems. This particular list was the results of our retiring some of our breeding stock and litters that either didn't produce or had very small number of puppies, but clients kept putting in the deposits. When we finally got our problems worked out and began producing puppies again, it was thought that the puppies would be selected by the first few waiting. We were wrong. Many of the clients passed on the puppies and the client that was number 22 selected a puppy. Why did so many pass? The reasons are endless.

Here are a few:

- "We're not ready for a puppy at this time."
- "We are moving into a new home and will not have time for a puppy."
- "We like the puppies, but it's not what we're looking for."
- "We really want a puppy with different markings on the body."
- "Great puppies, but the one we like is not the right sex."
- "We're pregnant now, and don't think we should get a puppy at this time."
- "We haven't had time to put up a fence."
- "I've changed jobs and will not have time for a puppy right now."
- "We have older dogs and are waiting for the natural attrition before acquiring a puppy."
- "We will be traveling this year and will have to wait on a puppy."
- "We will wait for a pup with smaller parents."

All of these are valid reasons and must be accepted. I cannot force anyone to take a puppy that they will not be happy with, and I cannot predict what anyone will do at selection time. Even when the list was only 20 clients waiting, the client that was number 20 received the puppy he wanted. In a more recent litter, a puppy was refused by 23 clients. When the puppy was offered to the public, I was asked why the puppy wasn't chosen. I would explain the reasons, and some of those potential clients would walk away because 23 others refused the puppy. When a client came and looked at the puppy, they couldn't believe so many had passed, but the puppy was exactly what they wanted!

## **Breeding Procedures:**

Once we have bred for an upcoming litter or litters, I will list them in the Puppy Pen on my website with

an approximate due date and color possibilities. We usually do not know if a dog is pregnant until the 4 to 5 week mark. A dog is pregnant for 58 to 65 days and we are never completely sure of the day the female ovulated and conceived so due dates are not always an exact science. Once a litter is born I will announce it in the Puppy Pen, usually within 24 hours, and list the colors and sexes that were born. Sometimes it takes me a day or two to get a quick group photo of Mom and babies and I don't post individual photos until they are 1 to 2 week of age. Pups are delicate and Mom's are protective and anxious before that time.

We do not allow visits until the pups are at least 4 weeks old and we prefer that no more than one visit per 2 weeks are made. We can text videos to your cell phone and give you email and phone updates as to their progress, health and personalities.

### **Placement and Picking Procedures:**

Once a litter is born I will notify my deposit holders with preferences that match that litter to see if you would like to put a hold on a puppy or, if there is more than one of a sex and color, a pick (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on) of that litter. Once you place your deposit on a litter you come off the waiting list. At any time you can change your mind and be placed back on the waiting list, keeping in mind if another litter has been born in the meantime and a deposit holder of your same sex/color preference chose a pup from that litter you will be bumped down the litter after them. Deposits may be transferred to another litter as many times as needed until you find the right puppy for your family. Should you choose to transfer your deposit you may or may not receive the same picking order as before. Transfers are placed at the highest available spot behind anyone who already has a deposit placed. If you decide to transfer your deposit you will want to notify me as soon as possible to secure a good picking position. You cannot maintain a spot on the waiting list once you have chosen a litter to pick a puppy from or a specific puppy from a litter. A deposit equals one spot on the waiting list or the reservation of a pick of a litter or a specific puppy.

Deposit holders are to choose their puppies between 4 and no later than 6 weeks of age. Failure to decide or choose a puppy within the 6 week time frame given will result in forfeit of your pick spot and I will notify the next person on the waiting list to make their choice and so on. Puppies come with AKC limited registration (PET ONLY) unless Full AKC Registration is otherwise arranged with me (very rare).

It is your responsibility to notify me of any changes to phone numbers, emails or puppy preferences.

### **Final Pick Up Policies:**

We start potty training at 4 & ½ to 5 weeks using a special whelping and weaning pen, they are paper and doggy door trained by the time they are 8 weeks. The Mom's start naturally weaning them between 5 and 6 weeks and they are usually totally weaned by 6 & ½ to 7 weeks. When you pick them up around 8 weeks they are on hard food. 8 weeks to the day is the earliest possible day the puppy will be able to leave our care and the pick up of your puppy should be no later than the weekend after your puppy turns 8 weeks old. If you need us to keep your puppy longer than 8 weeks, arrangements need to be made in advance. If the puppy needs to be boarded past the weeks a boarding fee of \$10 per day will apply. This will also include any shots needed. Should we feel a puppy is not ready to leave at 8 weeks, and they will stay in our care until we feel they are ready. Should we change the release date, no boarding fee will be charged for that period of time. Final payment for your puppy needs to be made between 6 and 8 weeks of age regardless of the pick up/delivery date.

Taking possession/delivery of your new puppy is the sole responsibility of the person purchasing the puppy. As a courtesy we will help arrange delivery (in the case of an out of state purchase) and such but are in no way responsible for what happens to the puppy after it leaves our property. If a puppy is hand delivered via air or vehicle the puppy must be paid for in full before it can leave our property.