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## General Puppy Information

Our puppies are currently \$1200, which includes 1 shot (8 weeks with another due at 11-12), several wormings, their ACVO eye exam, a puppy "wellness" exam by our pediatric specialist, a folder full of the puppy's information, veterinary records, handouts, and 10 percent off any training service the kennel offers, from a private session to a 3 month training package. It also includes the right to call or email us with any questions, no matter how silly they may seem to you. We want to be there to help you with the development of your puppy.

We take deposits after the pups have been born. We will alert people with an announcement email that it is time to send a deposit, which is \$500. Prior to that, we'll keep in touch via email, giving information on when the breeding took place, the results of the ultrasound, and when the bitch's temperature drops (meaning she will have babies within about 24 hours). We will then email with the number, color, and gender of the pups and how we feel they're doing (and will post pictures on the website or send them via email within a day or two of their birth). You pay the remaining \$700 when you pick up your puppy.

Because of our commitment to the **long-term betterment of the breed** through our breeding program (rather than "flash in the pan" winners or selling pups to pay for field trial fees or trying to win popularity contests within the field trial community), we do a few things differently than some breeders. Listed below are the guidelines we follow for each litter.

1. We sell our puppies on Limited Registration. Limited Registration means that if you were to breach our contract and breed your dog without following the steps to switch to Full Registration, you could not register any puppies produced by your dog while your dog's registration is still listed as "Limited" with AKC. It does not prevent you from entering any AKC event except for conformation dog shows (which no one with a field bred Springer would want to enter anyway). To switch a dog from Limited to Full Registration the dog must receive an OFA passing score on it's hips and an updated CERF certificate for it's eyes. Once these health clearances are passed you send us the paper work showing as such and we will release them to Full Registration meaning you can breed them.
2. We expect owners to take great care of our puppies. We really enjoy seeing them go to live as housedogs, but at the very least expect a warm, safe kennel environment.
3. We do not let our pups go home until their 10th week This helps for a better adjusted puppy that is ready to learn and acclimate to it's new surroundings. If you have any

concerns about this because you've read about taking a puppy home at 7 weeks, please let us refer you to the following articles and research:

- a. Another Look at the 49<sup>th</sup> Day, article in Gun Dog Magazine, by Dr. Ed Bailey:  
<http://my.execpc.com/~crzyless/49daymyth.htm>
  - b. New Knowledge of Dog Behavior, book by Clarence Pfaffenberger (the man who began the breeding and puppy raising program for the Guide Dogs for the Blind program)
4. We try to match the best pup to the best home, rather than letting people pick their own pups based on one or two visits or photos. If we have a couple/three pups who we think are very much what you are looking for, then we are happy to let you choose from those pups. We are around the pups full time for those first 10 weeks of their life and we not only know their own individual personalities very well, we know the personalities of their extended families. Once we know what you are looking for we can pick a puppy that will match you very accurately.
5. Because we breed for **ourselves** and **our long term breeding goals**, which includes keeping at least one puppy from nearly every litter in order to evaluate first hand the quality of pups we produce, we choose our puppies before being able to allow others to choose theirs. We cannot do this until after the eye exam, which happens around 8 weeks of age. So, up until that time, most people take pictures of all the puppies until they know which puppy is going to go home with them.

Our goal is to make each and every puppy buyer absolutely thrilled with the puppy they are take home. The above guidelines were instituted to make sure that happens as often as possible. We are very pleased with the function of both our breeding program and our selection process. Together they have helped to make Lighthouse Kennels a strong and successful business.

Information on upcoming litters can be found at the following address:

<http://www.lighthousekennels.com/>

Click on "Puppies." If there is no link associated with the name of the expectant mother, please continue to check back, as a link with more information will be posted as soon as she is bred.

To read information about puppy contracts, please visit the "Puppies" section of our website. Click on the "Breeding Philosophy" page, at the bottom, you may click on a link that will allow you to view a copy of our contract and our questionnaire.

The benefit of purchasing your next puppy from us over some other kennels and private individuals is security. We will be here for you with training questions, as well as working through any problems that might come up. Our dogs go through much physical and mental screening and only the best are allowed into our breeding program. More then 2/3rds of the dogs we keep from ours and other peoples breedings do not make the grade for one reason or another and are sold to live out there lives as happy, though celibate hunters! We are very picky and make no excuses when evaluating dogs.

Because we care so much for our pups, we need to know some things about you, in order to decide if one of our puppies would be a good match for your family and that you are a good match for one of our pups!

# Puppy References

- 1: Barb Boetcher 253-841-1143 rosellaneess@comcast.net  
3015 - 106th Avenue E Edgewood, WA 98372  
Barb and her husband Gunther own several dogs from us and actively participate in Field Trials.
- 2: Bob Merrill 608-846-9280 rsmerrill@centurytel.net  
N190 Ramsey Rd Arlington, WI 53911  
Bob owns several dogs including a pup acquired from us. He is an avid hunter as well as enjoys field trials.
- 3: Nancy Weis 608-294-9618 neweiss@sbcglobal.net  
Madison, WI  
Nancy owns two dogs from us and actively hunts and competes in agility with them.
- 4: Sue Myers 262-642-2834 suebob@mia.net  
W3165 Bretsch Rd Elkhorn, WI 53121  
Sue and her husband Bob own several dogs including a male from our breeding. Bob is an avid hunter while Sue focuses on Hunt Tests, Field Trials, and agility.
- 5: Loyde & Sharon Childs 608-837-3800 SNLCHILDS@aol.com  
5878 Wagon Lane Marshall, WI 53559  
Loyde and wife Sharon own two dogs from us and enjoy hunting and companionship with them.
- 6: Sarah Sirios 608-835-8752 srsirios@yahoo.com  
184 State Street Oregon, W  
Sarah and her husband Leo own several dogs purchased from us. They enjoy them as house pets and exercise companions.