

Lighthouse/Whirlwyn Kennels

General Puppy Information

Our puppies currently are, Springers \$2000, English cockers are \$2500, which includes Wisconsin state sales tax. It also includes 1 shot (9 weeks with another due at 11-12), several wormings, folder with the puppy's information, veterinary records, and assorted informational handouts. 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 accept deposits to lock your status as a preferred owner in place. We will keep you apprised of the progress of breeding the adults and whelping the puppies. Deposit is \$500. You pay the remaining \$1500/2000 when you pick up your puppy. Once puppies are on the ground you will receive pictures of them and after 6 weeks are welcome to visit to play with them.

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 expect owners to take great care of our puppies. We really enjoy seeing them go to live as house dogs, but at the very least expect a warm, safe kennel environment.
2. We do not let our pups go home until their 10th week, as this helps make 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 49th 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)
3. We work with you to pick your puppy. We match the best pup to each home so are involved with you in the puppy picking process. We have final say in the pick but work to give you several to choose from. 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 help you pick a puppy that will match your personality very accurately.
4. Puppy selection happens near the end of the puppies staying here. We cannot do this until after the eye exam, which happens around 8-9 weeks of age. So, up until that time, most people take pictures of all the puppies and develop their favorites but the final decision will not be made until after the eye exam.

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/Whirlwyn Kennels a strong and successful business.

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

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

Click on "upcoming litters." 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 a girl is bred.

To read information about puppy contracts, please visit the "Upcoming Litters" section of our website. In the first paragraph, you may click on a link to the page which talks about contracts in general terms. From that page, at the bottom, you may click on a link that will allow you to view a copy of our contract.

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! This is the reason for the puppy questionnaire. I know it can be a bother but if you take the time to fill it out it or just type the as much of the information you want to share with us that the questions ask onto an Email. That way we will have your contact info as well as will know you a bit better which will help us get you the best possible puppy!

Kaye
920-207-8757

Jason
920-629-6367

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Puppy References

- 1: Barb Boetcher 253-841-1143 roselaneess@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 rsmerrell@centurytel.net
N190 Ramsey Rd
Arlington, WI 53911
Bob owns several dogs including one acquired from us. He is an avid hunter as well as enjoys field trials.
- 3: 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.
- 4: 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.
- 5: Brian Kernaghan 312-909-6690 bekernaghan@hotmail.com
Brian and his wife Laura own one of our dogs in a family pet with young children setting.
- 6: Nancy Weiss nneweiss1@gmail.com
Nancy and her husband and young son own two of our dogs in addition to having more of our dogs with other family members.