

Legado Portuguese Water Dogs
Puppy Questionnaire

TO: Potential PWD Puppy Owners

The following questionnaire was developed to help me get to know you a bit better and to assist in finding the right home for the right puppy. It has proven to be very helpful in matching prospective owners with the puppy best suited for them. From birth the puppies are being observed, socialized and evaluated. At seven to eight weeks of age I do a puppy aptitude evaluation by an outside tester, before sending them to their new homes.

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible and return it to me. In the event you decide you are definitely not interested in purchasing a Legado Portuguese Water Puppy, please let me know. I do not require a deposit for the puppies, but it is important to know your intentions so that I can make plans for placements. Also, completion of this questionnaire does not guarantee a puppy!

Regarding the questions, there are no right or wrong answers. From past experience I have found that within a litter, the puppies are all quite different; their personality traits, levels of activity, and degree of dominance or submission can vary greatly. Your honest and frank answers will help me greatly in finding the right home for each little Water Puppy.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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ABOUT YOU: (please print)

Name and Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

Date: _____

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- If so, what arrangements will be made for the care of your Portuguese Water Dog while you are gone?

11. Are you familiar with crate training? If you have other dogs are they crate trained?

12. Do you have knowledge and understanding of the need for preventative veterinary care and inoculations for puppies?

13. Do you have a veterinarian for your other pets?

14. Have you been informed of and understand the primary health concerns associated with this breed, i.e. Addison, Gangliosidosis (GM1) Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), Hip Dysplasia, Cardiomyopathy?

- My sales agreement includes a requirement that the PWD will have x-rays taken and submitted to OFA for evaluation after reaching the age of two. Would you be willing to agree to that request?

15. Do you understand the grooming needs of a Portuguese Water Dog, at a minimum weekly combing, and regular grooming at approximately every 4 – 6 weeks?

- Who will be responsible for the grooming?
- Do you know how to take care of their ears and nails? Whose responsibility?

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16. Does your spouse or significant other agree with and look forward to adding a Portuguese Water Dog to the household?

- What role will they play in the care of the PWD?

17. Socialization is a critical part of every puppy's growth and development. This is an ongoing part of every pup's life, and will enable them to be better citizens. Doggy Kindergarten or Puppy Obedience is necessary to continue the learning process for PWD puppies. Do you have access to such activity, and will you be willing to take your puppy through a complete course of either or both?

18. Recent studies have shown that early spay/neuter of young dogs can increase the changes of certain disease as well as alter the growth pattern. My recommendation is that puppies not be spayed or neutered until after they have reached a minimum of 12 months of age. If this poses a problem for you, please explain:

19. Part of *my* responsibility, as a breeder is to stay in touch with those who purchase my puppies. This helps me to keep track of their growth, health and activities. Would you object to this type communication and would you be willing to provide photos periodically?

20. How did you hear of *Legado Portuguese Water Dogs*? National Club Breeder Referral, AKC Gazette, Internet, Friend, etc.

Please return to:

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