

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Process for Puppy

1. Fill out an application on GoodDog.com: <https://www.gooddog.com/breeders/oso-sharp-dogs-illinois/application>
2. I will get through your application when I can, contact your references and approve or deny your application.
3. We will schedule a phone call to go through the process and the 3 forms.
4. When the female is confirmed pregnant (usually at 30 days after breeding) I will contact each person on the current waitlist in order and ask for a deposit.
 - a. Pre-Sale Agreement: Form signed when a deposit is put down on a puppy. Sets the terms of the deposit. – Order of puppy-placement priority is dependent on when deposits are received. 1st person to put in a deposit gets first priority on preferences from their application.
 - b. Assigned Confirmation Agreement: Form signed when a puppy is assigned to buyer on the waitlist. This form is the buyer's recognition and acceptance of the puppy assigned to them. – Puppies are usually assigned around 6-9 weeks of age.
 - c. Purchase Agreement and Guarantee: Form signed at puppy pickup which spells out the details of the purchase and health guaranty of the puppies.

What comes with my puppy?

Not all puppy bags are the same. They may vary due to items on hand prior to take-home.

Common items in puppy bag: Some plush item (toy/blanket/etc.) that will smell like mom and littermates. AKC paperwork, vet records, health certification at 8 week check-up, proof of first vaccinations, recommended exercise for various stages of puppy development, copy of puppy contract(s), etc.

Why don't I get to choose my puppy?

As a dog trainer and breeder, I feel best about placing a puppy in a home that makes sense for not only the puppy, but for you. I would never want to give a puppy to someone simply on looks. Puppy placement should not be taken lightly and, as your breeder, that raise the puppies for the 9-10 weeks prior to pick up, knows the parents, etc. I feel that I know which puppy would be the best fit for each puppy and for you based on your application. That is why the application is vitally important as well.

What happens if I don't like the puppy you picked for me?

Refer to the Pre-Sale Agreement.

If I am unable to get your preferences listed on the application for a puppy or if I match you with a puppy that has attributes from your listed "absolute no's" then we move your deposit

toward the next litter or I refund you. You should not sign the Assigned Confirmation Agreement if you do not like the puppy that I have chose for you.

Why do you dock tails and remove dew claws?

This is a normal practice for the breed. Most people in search for a poodle will not consider a poodle without a docked tail and dewclaws removed. As this is still breed standard for AKC, I will continue to do so. I take puppies in around 1-2 days of age for a vet to professionally dock tails and remove dewclaws. Since this is done so early, it is less painful for the dog as the neurological system is not completely formed yet.

There are pros and cons to removing dewclaws. Do your research on what you would prefer and contact a breeder that meets your preference.

Can I visit the puppies/parent dogs prior to picking up my puppy?

Yes, this is dependent upon breeder's schedule and must be planned ahead of time. I am very cautious early on as the puppies are very susceptible to illness and disease. I prefer to wait until they are around 6 weeks old and as long as buyers prepare to shower and limit exposure to other dogs outside of their household, we can schedule a visit.

Why do you keep puppies for 9-10 weeks?

Per the laws in Illinois, puppies must be 8 weeks of age in order to be sold. Puppies go through a fear-period at 8 weeks of age. Because of this fear-period, when they are overly susceptible to imprinting permanent fears. With so much change at puppy pickup time and relocation to a buyer's home, I feel it best to wait until 9-10 weeks of age to place puppies.

What health testing do you do?

All health testing on the parents can be found on my website in the bio for the parents with links to corroborate the testing on official websites, etc.

Do you offer a health guaranty?

Yes, refer to the Purchase Agreement and Guaranty for details on the health guaranty. I do not provide a guaranty for hips and elbows because of the environmental factors that can affect a dog's joints such as improper exercise at a young age, improper nutrition, etc.

How tall will my poodle get?

Every dog is different and there is always a chance for an outlier. Onyx is 24.5 inches at the withers or top of shoulder and sires I have used were 25 inches at the withers or top of shoulder. Size is usually strongly correlated phenotypically to the parents, so I expect most puppies to be around 25 inches at the withers or top of shoulder.

How much will my poodle weigh?

Onyx is 50 lbs and sires I have used were ~55 lbs. Again there are always chances for bigger or smaller puppies from each breeding, but I expect most of them to keep within that 50-55

lb range as size is usually phenotypically similar to that of the parents. I have had puppies anywhere between 45-70 lbs.

