



Allegiance PWDs

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Puppy Information from Allegiance Portuguese Water Dogs (PWDs)

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Allegiance PWD. Allegiance PWD's is owned by Amy Lane. We have 6 children and live with several PWD's at this time. We are not a breeding kennel, a hobby farm or looking to show our children the miracle of life. The dogs are Amy's passion. She is deeply involved with the PWD breed and formerly involved in Newfoundlands as well. Amy has been on the board of both the Great Lakes Portuguese Water Dog Club and the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club. She has also volunteered on a couple Portuguese Water Dog Club of America committees. She also on several occasions chaired the Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty dog show and Regional Specialties for the Newfoundlands too. Currently Amy is enjoying AKC Junior Showmanship with our 2 youngest children; Clare and McKenna.

We have owned PWD's since 2005 and have been active since the moment our first PWD entered our lives. Amy is very active in conformation and has bred several PWD litters over the years. We are also getting into the performance/working events with the PWD's. These events include; obedience, rally, water rescue and agility. The PWD is a very versatile breed and can perform in many different venues in addition to making a wonderful pet. Others also like to train their PWD's for therapy work.

We occasionally have puppies available. These puppies are not on a first come, first serve basis. We match the puppy to the right family. Keeping with our breeding program goals, puppies that exhibit promise for show/conformation prospect and/or working aptitude are placed in homes prior to any other puppies. This does not mean the quality of puppy that your family wants as a pet/companion is any less in temperament, soundness, type or structure. The differences between our show/pet puppies are very subtle and usually the decisions between show/pet puppies are difficult choices for us as breeders.

Each litter bred here at Allegiance is bred with the expectation of us keeping a puppy. We breed to further and enhance our breeding program. We don't just breed a litter to have puppies to sell. All of our PWD pups are born and raised in our home their entire lives. The pups are extremely well socialized, exposed to many children, adults, dogs, cats, noises, water and the outdoors. We allow people to visit the pups starting at 3 weeks old until the last one has found their forever home. We encourage visitors and interaction with our puppies. Our puppies don't leave home before the age of 8 weeks and it is more common they are 9 or 10 weeks when they move on to their forever families.

Getting a puppy from Allegiance PWD's means your pup will not only be well socialized and exposed to the world but we also provide the following with your new PWD:

Vaccines current to their age (we begin at 7 weeks)\Wormed as needed - Micro chipped for permanent identification using an ISO chip from AKC CAR - Vet exam at 7 weeks - EYE examination by a Canine Ophthalmologist - Contract and Guarantee for your puppy - AKC Registration - Puppy binder with feeding, training and breed information - Online OWNERS ONLY area of Allegiance Portuguese Water Dog website that is continually updated with articles and training tips - The Portuguese Water Dog A Guide for the New Owner by Verne Foster - Never ending breeder support via email, phone or regular mail

All of our puppies are sold on limited registration unless going into a show prospect home. Puppies placed into show homes on full registration will be sold on a co-ownership with Amy as a mentor. All puppies sold on limited registration are placed on a mandatory spay/neuter contract by 2 years of age. At ANY time throughout the ENTIRE life of your PWD if you ever find yourself in a situation where you can no longer continue to keep the PWD from Allegiance you MUST return the PWD directly to Amy at Allegiance PWDs.

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Our PWDs should never end up in rescue, sold to another party or given away. We will take complete responsibility for all the dogs we breed for their entire lives should you not be able to continue to keep them.

We would **expect** that prior to committing to a PWD puppy from any breeder you will do your homework. Please visit breeders and see their dogs prior to any commitment if distance allows, if not ask for references. Make sure that you look into any/all health issues regarding PWDs. Be sure to check into hip dysplasia, eye CERFs, elbow dysplasia, JDCM (on at least 1 parent), GM-1 storage (at least one parent) and Optigen for PRA just to name a few. It is important to talk to the breeder you chose about health issues in their pedigrees or the health clearances that the parents have. **No dog can have OFA hip or elbow clearances prior to 24 months of age.** All this information can be found on our website as well the PWDCA.org (PWD Club of America).

PUPPY DEPOSIT

Amount of Deposit: \$500.00 **contact us for ways to pay your deposit**

Balance Due: \$2300.00 **balance upon pick up of your puppy**

FINAL payment to be made by bank check or cash

PUPPY PLACEMENT PROCESS

By placing a deposit for an Allegiance Portuguese Water Dog Puppy the "Purchaser" states that they understand the following conditions:

SELECTION OF A PUPPY

Purchaser is aware that they will not be selecting their puppy from the litter, the breeder will determine if there is a puppy available with the correct temperament and structure for the home.

*Multiple factors must be evaluated in order to get the right puppies into the correct homes. The most important factor is temperament. We use the family's application, notes made about the family throughout the process, breeder's notes and evaluation of the puppy, 6 week old puppy party visit family form, and temperament testing and vet evaluation. Next we evaluate the puppy's structure and quality to determine whether the puppy should be placed in a show/breeding home or a non-breeding home. **Finally, after sorting through these conditions above we try our best to match your preference in coat type, gender and color.** Please remember that temperament is the most important consideration. You cannot live with a dog, no matter how beautiful its coat color and markings are, if the puppy does not have the correct personality for your family.*



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WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHICH PUPPY IS OURS?

While we observe all of our puppies throughout their development, we do not complete the evaluation process until the puppies are 7 weeks old. All of our outside testing is completed at 7 weeks old. At this time we feel that armed with the results of the temperament evaluations, vet exams, EYE examinations, and our notes we can make the best determination on which puppy belongs into which family, pet or show home. At times the wait can be difficult for families, especially those with children but we ask that you be patient and let the process work for you. We make our family placements between 7 and 8 weeks of age. Puppies are placed in homes beginning at 9 weeks of age.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!

You also need to make yourself as available as possible to visit the puppies, attend the 6 to 7 week puppy party, view photos and videos on Allegiance PWDs Facebook group in order to be familiar with the puppies you hope to add to your family.

IS YOUR DEPOSIT REFUNDABLE?

If, through the placement process we have determined that we do NOT have a suitable puppy for family the deposit is 100% refundable. We will offer you a place on the next available Allegiance litter OR we will refund the deposit and work with you to refer you to another reputable breeder. If you have placed a deposit on a puppy and we have offered you a puppy that we feel will be the right fit for your family and you choose not to take that particular puppy the Purchaser understands that they will forfeit one-half of the deposit upon the family's decision. The remaining half of the deposit will not be returned until the puppy has been placed in a permanent home. The reason for this policy is that once we have filled our deposit list we start referring to other breeders and therefore may need to re-advertise in order to find the puppy a suitable home.