

IN ORDER TO GIVE OUR BREEDING DOGS THE VERY BEST LIFE POSSIBLE, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LIMIT HOW MANY DOGS WE PERSONALLY KEPT AND HOUSED. BUT~ ALSO WE UNDERSTOOD IN ORDER TO BREED THE HIGHEST QUALITY DOGS WHICH IS OUR MAIN GOAL, WE ALSO NEEDED TO KEEP, EVALUATE, AND *ADD* QUALITY BLOODLINES TO OUR BREEDING PROGRAM. SO, HOW WAS ALL OF THIS GOING TO BE POSSIBLE?

FOR US AND MANY OTHER BREEDERS LIKE US THE SOLUTION WAS OUR GUARDIAN PROGRAM.

OUR GUARDIAN DOG PROGRAM HAS ALLOWED US AND OTHER DOG BREEDERS LIKE US TO EXPAND OUR DOG BREEDING PROGRAM WITH PRIDE AND HAS HELPED US TO BREED THE VERY HIGHEST QUALITY POODLE PUPPIES THE RIGHT WAY.. OUT OF DOG KENNELS AND IN OUR LOVING ARMS!!

AS BEING A GUARDIAN HOME WITH US, YOU GET A FREE QUALITY PUPPY AND THE DOG STAYS WITH YOU AS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER FOR THE LIFE OF THE DOG AS WE RETAIN ALL BREEDING RIGHTS FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LITTERS STARTING AT TWO YEARS OF AGE OR THEIR SEXUAL MATURITY AND ENDING ONCE THE FEMALE HAS WHELPED A SET AMOUNT OF LITTERS. MALES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR BREEDING PURPOSES FOR MOST OF HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME AS AN UNALTERED STUD.. EACH GUARDIAN DOG CONTRACT IS UNIQUE BUT IT'S USUALLY BETWEEN 5 AND 6 LITTERS FOR OUR FEMALES DEPENDING ON WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THAT PARTICULAR FEMALE AND HOW WELL SHE REACTS TO BEING A MOTHER OR AROUND 7+ YEARS FOR A MALE.

OUR GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DOG'S REGULAR HEALTH MAINTENANCE: ANNUAL EXAMS, VACCINES, FOOD, PRO BIOTICS ETC. GREAT LAKES POODLES WILL PAY FOR ANY AND ALL GENETIC HEALTH TESTING REQUIRED FOR BREEDING, AND ALL BREEDING RELATED EXPENSES. ONCE THE DOG HAS PASSED THEIR GENETIC HEALTH TESTING SHE/HE IS ADDED TO OUR BREEDING PROGRAM. WE DECIDE WHEN SHE WILL BE BRED AND TO WHOM SHE WILL BE BRED TO. SHE WILL STAY WITH HER GUARDIAN FAMILY DURING HER PREGNANCY (60-63 DAYS) AND THEN IS RETURNED TO US AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE HER DUE DATE TO DELIVER (WHELP) AND THEN RAISE HER PUPPIES (6-8 WEEKS). ONCE HER PUPPIES ARE WEANED THEN SHE'S RETURNED TO HER GUARDIAN FAMILY TO CONTINUE HER PERFECT LIFE.

MALES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR BREEDING PURPOSES FOR MOST OF HIS LIFETIME AS AN UNALTERED STUD.

WHEN THE DOG IS OLDER AND COMPLETES HIS/HER BREEDING OBLIGATIONS, GREAT LAKES POODLES WILL PAY FOR SPAY/NEUTER AND YOUR DOG COMES HOME TO

ENJOY THE WONDERFUL LIFE YOU HAVE PROVIDED FOR HIM/HER SINCE PUPPY HOOD. ALL FEMALES IN GUARDIAN HOMES MAY HAVE UP TO SIX LITTERS (MINIMUM OF FOUR) PRIOR TO BEING SPAYED, USUALLY BY THEIR 6TH BIRTHDAY.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT GUARDIAN FAMILIES NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. GUARDIANS OF FEMALES SOMETIMES HAVE TO DEAL WITH SEVERAL HEAT CYCLES AND KEEPING THEIR GIRL PROTECTED FROM UNWANTED MALES. THE GUARDIAN FAMILY WILL NEED TO LEARN THE SIGNS OF A HEAT CYCLE AND BE WILLING TO COMMUNICATE, COOPERATE AND COORDINATE WITH US TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING. BECAUSE OF CANINE VENEREAL DISEASES, MALE GUARDIAN DOGS CAN ONLY MATE WITH APPROVED FEMALES USING THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FEMALE.

QUALIFYING TO BE A GUARDIAN HOME:

1. GUARDIANS MUST HAVE PREVIOUS DOG EXPERIENCE
2. GUARDIANS MUST OWN AND LIVE IN A HOME WITH A FULLY FENCED YARD
3. GUARDIANS MUST KEEP THE DOG ON A LEASH OR IN A FENCED AREA
4. GUARDIANS MUST BE WILLING TO TRAIN THE DOG THE VERY BASIC OBEDIENCE COMMANDS (OFF, DOWN, SIT, BACK, LEAVE IT, CRATE)
5. GUARDIANS MUST ENSURE THE PUPPY IS SOCIALIZED TO ADULTS, CHILDREN AND OTHER ANIMALS - THIS IS REALLY VITAL CRITERIA
6. GUARDIANS MUST PROVIDE APPROPRIATE VETERINARY OR EMERGENCY CARE WHEN NEEDED
7. GUARDIANS MUST FEED THE DOG A DIET APPROVED BY THE BREEDER WHICH WOULD BE ANY OF THE DOG FOOD BRANDS RECOMMENDED BY WHOLE DOG JOURNAL
8. GUARDIANS MUST BE ABLE AND WILLING TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY WHEN A FEMALE BEGINS HER HEAT CYCLE
9. GUARDIANS MUST NOT ALLOW THE FEMALE IN HEAT NEAR ANY OTHER INTACT MALES
10. GUARDIANS MUST NOT ALLOW A MALE GUARDIAN TO BREED WITH UNAPPROVED FEMALES
11. GUARDIANS MUST LIVE WITHIN A REASONABLE DRIVING DISTANCE FROM TAWAS, MICHIGAN (NO MORE THAN 2-3 HOURS) or BE WILLING TO DRIVE TO BREEDERS HOUSE.

12. GUARDIANS MUST COMMUNICATE, COOPERATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE BREEDER REGARDING TESTING, MATING, WHELPING, AND OTHER BREEDING RELATED ACTIVITIES.

IN CLOSING...

OUR GUARDIAN HOME PROGRAM IS ACTUALLY A VERY SIMPLE PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SEEM LIKE THERE ARE A LOT OF DETAILS. THE MAIN THING TO REMEMBER IS THIS, IF WE AS HUMANS TRULY REJECT THE IDEA OF PUPPY MILLS, THEN TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO BETTER WAY THAN THE GUARDIAN HOME PROGRAM TO HELP REPUTABLE BREEDERS LIKE OURSELVES TO CONTINUE TO BREED OUR DOGS IN A HUMANE AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT AND OUT OF CAGES AND KENNELS SO IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PRODUCE OUR HAPPY AND HEALTHY PUPPIES FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A FOREVER PET OR ARE IN NEED OF A SERVICE DOG WE HAVE ADOPTED THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM AND IT HAS WORKED VERY WELL FOR US AND THE GUARDIAN FAMILIES INVOLVED.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GUARDIAN HOME, PLEASE FILL OUT OUR GUARDIAN HOME APPLICATION.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE SAVED AND ONCE WE HAVE ANY OPENINGS THEN THE PEOPLE WE THINK WILL BE THE BEST FIT WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL IF WE DON'T CONTACT YOU RIGHT AWAY. IT DOES NOT MEAN WE'VE DENIED YOUR APPLICATION.. IT MOST LIKELY JUST MEANS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY AVAILABLE GUARDIAN PUPPIES AT THAT MOMENT. YOU'LL ONLY BE CONTACTED IF WE THINK YOU'RE A GOOD MATCH AND IF WE HAVE ANY AVAILABLE POODLE PUPPIES THAT WE WANT TO ADD TO OUR PROGRAM. YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME HOWEVER TO EMAIL US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AT ANYTIME.

IF YOU JUST HAVE BASIC QUESTIONS THEN YOU CAN CONTACT ME DIRECTLY, USING THE CONTACT FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS ARE: COMMITMENT, SOCIALIZATION AND TRUST, BE WILLING TO WORK WITH US AND BE A FANTASTIC DOG OWNER FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR DOG.

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