

Welch's Jolly Westies

FAQs

- How are the puppies priced?

Our puppies are priced according to our cost to maintain the highest quality and guaranteed healthy dogs, which come with full AKC registration. Deposit is due after the litter is whelped to confirm puppy availability, and at which time you'll be able to make your pick of the litter. Please contact us for currently pricing and deposit amount.

- Can I breed my Welch's Jolly Westie pup?

While perfectly fine to compete in show and agility competitions, these Westies are primarily pets. We don't do limited registrations as we don't find that will prevent anyone from breeding. However, we do ask that if you intend to breed your puppy from Welch Jolly Westies, that you let us know you would like to so that we can help you in making sure the dogs get the proper care in the whelping process. Breeding any dog is not something to be taken lightly, and without proper guidance, the results can be disastrous. And while there are plenty of Youtube video how to guides, without proper training from those with years of experience, you are risking the lives of both mother and pups.

- What is the process for purchasing a Welch's Jolly Westie pup?

We keep it pretty simple. Start by contacting me. I do insist on speaking with potential puppy parents myself. I do not take puppy placement lightly so please forgive me if I seem to ask a whole lot of questions. I'll expect you to do the same. If all goes well, which it usually does, I will send you information, and either put you on the waiting list if puppies aren't born yet or deposit information in the event we have a current litter already born. Once we receive your deposit, we will send you a contract for your puppy for you to sign and send back to us. We will include a copy in your new puppy pack when you come to pick up your new puppy. As puppies mature, I will continue to post pictures and updates. Puppies are not released until 7-8 weeks of age, and pick up appointments are scheduled at that time. We will never consider an early placement. Puppies go to their new families with a copy of their contract, AKC/CKC registration papers, vaccination/worming information, food, and information packet on care. I would like new puppy parents to send updates on how their new puppy is doing, and pictures are always welcomed.

- Can I visit after my puppy is born?

While there is absolutely not a shred of proof that human disease can be transmitted to puppies, strangers do stress out doggy moms. Until puppies are ready to be picked up, it is better to give mommy and pups plenty of privacy. We know firsthand how hard it is to wait for a new puppy, but we ask for your patience while the puppies mature just a bit. It's what's best for the puppy.

- What do you feed your dogs?

I believe in feeding a high quality dog food, however we do supplement with bits of chicken or fish and I am a big fan of fish oil. Here and there, I change our dog's food. Currently we feed Purina Pro Plan Savor Chicken & Rice Formula puppy & adult. I also like to give puppies cottage cheese, or yogurt as a treat with their mid day meal. Love giving them chicken and brown rice at the slightest sign of diarrhea. Clears it up in a few hours.

- Do you give vitamins or supplements?

No. I don't sell them either. I truly think they're snake oil. Feed a great diet instead. Extra vitamins can not only be wasteful as they are excreted away, doing little to nothing, and they can also build up in a doggy's system and cause problems later on. Ask your vet about doggy vitamins and in the meanwhile save yourself about \$220 per year by not giving your dog something that in essence, does nothing.

- Do I need a groomer?

Westies need a grooming from 8 months on. If you are up for it, grooming your westie can be a good experience for the both of you, however grooming is not for everyone. I have a list of grooming supplies on our puppy information page for those up for the challenge. For those looking for a groomer, finding one who does handstripping may be very difficult and expensive. It should also be noted that it is considered perfectly acceptable for pet westies to be clipped, which seriously brings down the cost of grooming. Whichever route you choose, a good looking westie is one who is regularly groomed, every 6 weeks, and brushed daily. Doing your part at home will make the trip to a groomer a much more pleasant experience for your westie.

- Should I sign up for those training classes at the local pet store.

Every doggy deserves the opportunity to be the best they can be, and a good training course is one way to help your little buddy achieve just that. Training your dog also helps to build a bond between the two of you.

- What do you do to ensure your puppies are cared for?

For starters, I do not just hand out puppies to just anyone. I am always seeking the best folks for what we think are the best pups. I also put my name on their microchip just in case one of my pups gets separated from its owner. I will also take back any of our pups if the owner can not care for it. From the cradle to the grave, our pups will always have a home here regardless.

- Do you ship puppies?

I currently do not ship puppies. We will deliver for a small fee, or meet you at an airport so that you may fly with your puppy in an airplane cabin. We're just not comfortable with our puppies being in a cargo hold.

- Are you inspected? Registered?

I am a registered, small, private kennel. My dogs and puppies live in my home, and my home is inspected by both local animal control authorities and the AKC. We are also registered with the state and our dogs are on file.

12. Do you own both the Sire and Dam?

Both parents are kept on premises for inspection. We do plan to do artificial insemination litters in the future, and at that time we will post information on the Sire used.

- Do you breed any other dogs besides Westies?

Our current plans are to just continue breeding the finest possible pet Westies only.

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