

Timberland Goldens

Puppy Selection Process

Picking an individual pup from the litter is the least important part of the whole purchase process. There has been much written on extensive, complicated testing procedures to determine the "pick of the litter"! We haven't found a puppy's reactions and behavior at six or seven weeks of age, to be of much significance in predicting future behavior.

We have even had people ask us to teach them how to pick the best pup out of a litter. The truth is, we haven't figured out a reliable way to do it, and probably never will! We get many messages and emails telling us how well the last pick puppy turned out.

With this, we stand united with the popular vote...there is no "pick of the litter". Every single puppy has a purpose. Some dogs are meant to hunt or search, others are meant to perform valuable tasks, and still others are meant to offer comfort. Most dogs are meant for lifelong companionship.

Deposits

We require a deposit to be paid on each puppy. Deposits are collected prior to the litter birth, and we are unable to predetermine how many are going to be born, and how many of each gender are going to be born. We will accept deposits for 4 males and 4 females. Your deposit is applied to your purchase price. Your deposit is non-refundable, but it may be forwarded, one time only, to a future litter, if you are unsatisfied with the available selection(s). If, after the litter is born, your selection position for the gender you chose is not available, we will contact you for either 1) selection of the opposite gender...if available, 2) applying your deposit towards a future litter, or 3) refunding your deposit.

Selection

The puppy selection will commence after the puppy(s) reach week 3 of age. Depending where you are at on the waiting list, it may take up to 5 weeks before your selection can be made. Puppies that have been previously selected, will be removed from the availability list. You will receive from us either a photo or video of the available pups, from which to make your selection. If you are not satisfied with the available puppy(s), you will be allowed to make your selection from the next available litter of your preferred female.