

Altan's Dachshunds Puppy Application

Thank you for considering a puppy from Altan's Dachshunds.

Our puppies' future wellbeing and life quality are extremely important to us, and that's why we have implemented a screening procedure in order to select the best homes for them. In the world of purebred dogs, demand exceeds supply, and it allows us to be selective when picking homes for our babies. Every one of our puppy owners is nothing short of wonderful. Hopefully, you too will soon join our happy family!

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Step 1 APPLICATION	All potential puppy owners fill out this application form . Upon reviewing, we will either approve or deny it , or inform you that we need additional information before making a decision. Follow-up questions are common. If we need more information, you may be invited for a meeting, a phone interview, asked for references, or for a home visit.
Step 2 WAITING LIST	Those families who complete the screening successfully are invited to join our waiting list for either a current or an upcoming litter. Non-refundable waiting list fee of \$100 is paid at this time , to be deducted from the puppy's purchase price. Now the waiting begins, sweetened by pictures and videos of the puppies as they grow.
Step 3 PUPPY EVALUATION	Between the ages of 7 and 9 weeks our puppies undergo a rigorous evaluation and grading session . It includes a detailed conformation assessment, a variety of professional temperament tests, and a vet visit with an unaffiliated veterinarian.
Step 4 DECISION MAKING	Once the evaluation and grading are complete, we work to see whether any of the puppies match the requirements of any of the families on the waiting list. This is the most crucial step of the process, and we take our responsibility to match the right puppy to the right home very seriously. We never allow choosing puppies from pictures, as they are only skin deep! Puppy's inborn temperament is much more important than his color or the length of his eyelashes in ensuring a lifelong happy placement.
Step 5 THE OFFER	Soon after making decisions, we will contact you with an offer of a particular puppy. An offer includes photos and puppy's resume. Occasionally we are able to offer two puppies to choose from. We pay tremendous attention to personalities and temperaments of our puppies and go above and beyond to ensure a perfect match with their new families. At this point you have 24 hours to either accept or decline the chosen puppy.
Step 6 HOLDING FEE	A non-refundable deposit of \$400 secures the puppy from the day the offer is accepted to the day of pick up. Remaining balance is paid in cash on pickup day.
Step 7 TAKING PUPPY HOME	After the sales contract is signed and the puppy is paid for, you become a proud puppy owner. Arrangements are made for pick up or delivery. We have placed puppies worldwide and are well experienced in every little detail that makes for a successful trip, be it a one hour drive or a two days long flight. Generally, puppies are expected to be transferred to new homes after 8 but before 10 weeks of age to avoid boarding fees. MARCH'2020 UPDATE: during coronavirus pandemic, no visits are possible, all meetings, including puppy pickups, are to be done off premises while donning masks and gloves. This is for everyone's protection. Our house is off limits until the coronavirus threat passes.

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Price schedule:	Black/Tan	Chocolate/Tan	Dapple or Piebald
Pet Quality Puppy with a fault (All sizes)	\$500	\$700	\$1000
Pet Quality Puppy (Oversized/over 12 lbs)	\$1500	\$1700	\$2000
Pet Quality Puppy (Miniature/10-12 lbs)	\$1800	\$2000	\$2500
Pet Quality Puppy (Kaninchen/under 9.5 lbs)	\$2500	\$2700	\$3200
Show Quality Puppy (Miniature/10-12 lbs)	\$2000	\$2200	Not for sale
Show Quality Puppy (Kaninchen/under 9.5 lbs)	\$2500	\$2700	Not for sale

Altan's Dachshunds only accept PayPal F&F for deposits, and Cash for balance. No Checks.

Prices include (for all puppy categories)	
microchip ready to transfer to owner's name	vaccination to age
puppy pack	all dewormings
reading materials	heartworm preventative to season
early litterbox imprinting	comprehensive health exam by a veterinarian
completed nail trim training	1 month health insurance
noise sensitivity training	48 hour viral health guarantee
AKC registration application	2 years hereditary health guarantee

Optional charges:

Boarding past 10 weeks	\$15/day or \$75/week	
Airport delivery (Greensboro NC)	Free	Fly to your airport of choice and we will deliver your puppy right to the terminal. Do not book travel without discussing dates with us first. Pay attention to pet age limits for your chosen airline. Purchase a soft sided pet carrier to transport the puppy in cabin with you.
Airport delivery (Raleigh NC)	\$100	
Airport delivery (Charlotte NC)	\$150	
USDA Health Certificate for air travel	\$100	
Car delivery within 1 hour	Free	Have your puppy brought right to your house, or to an agreed meeting point. If you live many states away and don't want to fly, we can each drive half way and meet for puppy transfer. For longer trips consider having two people in the car - one to drive, another to take care of the puppy.
Car delivery within 4 hours	\$100	
Car delivery within 6 hours	\$150	
Car delivery within 8 hours	\$200	
Car delivery within 10 hours	\$250	

Discounts:

Previous Altan's Dachshund Owner	10% off next puppy
Altan's Owner of Achievement	20% off next puppy on completion of AKC Championship

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Useful Information:

Puppy visits are no longer available at Altan's until the pickup day due to disease risk.

We maintain strict biosecurity regimen in the house to protect our young puppies. Meeting our adults is always possible off-site (at a park, a cafe, or a pet store), as well as at dog shows in the South East. We are proud to show off our beautiful dogs. Contact us to arrange a meeting.

Our puppies are raised holistically with no expense spared.

Fresh high quality organic food, spring water, plenty of sunshine and clean air, no routine antibiotics, no overvaccination, no harsh chemicals anywhere around our dogs. We find that raising puppies this way ensures a healthy immune system and a long life. We expect you to educate yourself on holistic dog maintenance and to continue with it. As recent European transplants ourselves, we keep true to the way we had raised dogs back home, for enhanced vitality and health. We are always available to help you learn the best practices. You are not just buying a puppy, you're gaining access to a breeder/veterinarian, an experienced professional advisor on any dog question you might ever possibly have, today, tomorrow, or ten years from now.

Unlike most breeders, we do not demand spay/neuter in our contract

We encourage you to do your research on the harmful side effects of spay and neuter in dogs in general and in Dachshund breed in particular. Mother Nature does not create unnecessary organs. *We would prefer all our puppies be kept intact for life,* and in no case should they be castrated before the age of 24 months. Failing to follow this guideline will cancel the health guarantee.

We do not remove front dewclaws

Coming from working dog background, we firmly believe that dewclaws serve a purpose and that removing them alters the gait of the dog, leading to a higher frequency of orthopedic problems as dogs age.

We will always take back one of ours if they no longer can stay in their home.

No Altan's puppy has ever entered a rescue or a shelter, and we intend to keep this stellar statistic. We are here for our puppies from birth to grave. If you're incapacitated, you always have us to make sure your dog is taken care of.

We are always happy to welcome newcomers to the Dog Show World.

We occasionally place some of our show prospect puppies in coownership to pet homes that are local and wish to learn about dog shows. This is a great way to give back to the Dachshund breed and ensure its preservation for future generations, and it's a lot of fun too! Maybe a new weekend hobby for you and/or the kids? If you're a local home, chat to us about showing your new puppy. We will help and support you every step of the way. Give back to this wonderful breed, don't just take from it! *Limited to homes in NC, SC, and VA, unless professional handler is contracted.*

Our puppies placed as family pets are placed on LIMITED AKC registration and are NOT meant for breeding!

We do not support uneducated, random breeding of dogs. Please leave it to the professionals to produce the next generation of wonderful Dachshunds. If you're buying a family pet from us, it is not a breeding prospect.

We are frequently asked why most of our dogs have been imported.

Why go through the tremendous expense and trouble getting and transporting a stud dog from Europe, when there are many of them right here in the US? *The reason is quality.* European breeders operate under a much stricter system that includes close oversight by breed wardens. European breeders health test and only use the best for breeding. This system was put in place long time ago to ensure continuous breed improvement. There is a lot more science and a lot less amateur approach that goes into producing a litter in Europe. We have worked for years to gain contacts and trust from European Dachshund breeders to be able to bring these amazing Dachshunds into the US and share them with the breed fanciers here. You have to meet them to appreciate the difference!

Should you care to buy from a small show breeder as opposed to a large commercial breeder?

You absolutely should! Show breeders are concerned about the breed as a whole and individual welfare of each of their dogs and puppies. Commercial breeders are only concerned about their bottom line and cut corners, from quality of the parents and bloodlines, to the food they feed and veterinary care they provide. By buying a cheap randomly bred puppy, you're supporting a greedy, unethical approach to dog breeding and poor quality care of the parent dogs. Choose to support a breeder who pours their heart and soul into their carefully created breeding program. Don't settle for a second-hand bicycle when you can have a Ferrari. Your show bred dog will have a beautiful posture and elegance, correct healthy structure and breed type, excellent immunity and top notch temperament and intelligence. This is a dog who will grace your life for 15-18 years, would you rather share your home with a living breathing work of art, or a run of the mill mass produced product?

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Please fill out the following questionnaire in as honest and complete manner as possible.

There is no need to impress us or try to misrepresent your situation or intentions.

Please be truthful and forthcoming, and remember this is in the best interest of the puppies. We find honesty to be much more appealing than the perfect picture. There is no such thing as an answer that is too long, but skipped questions or incomplete answers will definitely result in your application denied.

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the questions.

Please return the filled out form to: miniwieners@gmail.com or print and send to: PO Box 39282, Greensboro NC 27438

Part 1 Personal Information

1. Your name, gender and age, as well as names, genders and ages of all adults and children in your household
2. Your address and phone number
3. What is your occupation? What are the occupations of other adults in the house? Do you have any hobbies?
4. How many hours a day will your new dog be alone in the house?
5. Are you renting or owning your home? Is it urban or rural? Describe your indoor and outdoor areas.
6. If you owned pets before, write a short story on each. Where did they come from, age/cause of death, what lessons did they teach you during their lives with you?
7. Do you currently own any pets? If yes, list all of them, including species, breed, gender, age and name. Include a description of their temperament and whether any of them have special needs.
8. Do you have a regular veterinarian that oversees care of your animals? Can they be contacted for reference?
9. Are you an introvert or an extrovert? Are you a loud and happy person, larger than life, or a quiet, gentle, shy one?

Part 2 Your Experience With Dogs

10. Describe your happiest moment as a dog owner. Describe your saddest moment as a dog owner.
11. Describe a situation where you were not proud of yourself as a dog owner.
12. What food do your dogs eat? What type of treats and recreational chews do you provide?
13. Where will your dog sleep? Do you use crates or playpens? What type of bedding? Do you have a kennel outside?
14. What vaccination protocol do you follow with your dogs? Any other preventatives?
15. What type of grooming procedures does a dog need and how often do you provide them for your dogs?
16. Have you raised a small dog from an early age? What are the things to know when raising a small size pup?
17. It's 5 AM Tuesday. Describe your dog's day until 5 AM Wednesday.
18. Who takes care of your dogs when you are away on vacation or business trip?
19. Do you have any provisions in place for the care of your pets should you become incapacitated?
20. What is the worst case life scenario you can envision that would require giving up or euthanizing the dog?
21. How do you prevent a dog from damaging your house or themselves?
22. How do you prevent a dog from running away and getting lost?
23. How do you housebreak a dog? How do Dachshunds differ from other breeds in regards to housebreaking?
24. What can stress a dog? What does stress in a dog look like?
25. What does a dog require for a happy life?
26. What type of toys and activities would be considered unsafe for a dog?

Part 3 Your Motivation

27. Why do you want a dog?
28. Why do you want a Dachshund?
29. Why do you want a Dachshund from us?
30. Do you have a preference for gender? If yes, why?
31. Do you have a preference for color? If yes, why?
32. Do you have a preference for size? If yes, why?
33. Do you have a preference for coat type? If yes, why?
34. Are you planning to participate in competitive dog sports? Are you planning to breed?
35. Are you planning to co-own the dog with someone?
36. List the temperament and appearance qualities you admire the most in a Dachshund.
37. Are you planning to spay/neuter the puppy you get from us? If yes, at what age?
38. What is your budget for the new puppy purchase?