

Maritimo Portuguese Water Dogs
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Dear Prospective Puppy Owner,

Thank you for considering Maritimo in your search for a canine addition to your family! We are happy to share with you our experiences with this wonderful breed and answer any questions that you may have.

Our first concern as breeders is producing puppies that fit well into a family atmosphere. We only produce one litter per year so that we can socialize our babies in a variety of different situations. Our puppies are whelped and raised in our home where they play with our children every day. We breed for soundness and good temperaments above all else.

Please understand that adding a PWD to your household is a long-term decision that you should make very carefully. Like other breeds, PWD's do have some health issues, most of which can be avoided. We and other responsible breeders follow the PWDCA-recommended guidelines for breeding and carefully study pedigrees in an effort to provide our puppy owners with healthy family companions.

You should also consider the fact that the PWD is a working breed with an inherited desire to be with and work for humans.

If you want a dog that . . .

- requires regular and extensive grooming,
- demands attention and exercise,
- challenges your will,
- thrives on training and human contact,
- thinks independently,
- voices its opinion,
- greets friend and family with unbridled enthusiasm,

. . . then the PWD may be right for you.

If you want a dog that . . .

- requires minimal grooming,
- needs little or no attention or exercise,
- naps endlessly in front of the fireplace,
- requires little mental stimulation,
- presents little or no challenge,
- blends into the woodwork,
- is content to be left alone,

. . . then the PWD is not right for you.¹

¹ PWDCA Puppy Packet, revised 2005.

In order for us to get to know you and become familiar with what you are looking for in a dog, please answer the following questions for us:

Name:
Address:
City, St., Zip:
Home Phone:
Mob. Phone:
Bus. Phone:
Fax:

1. Please list the names and ages of all members of your household, including children and parents:

2. Which best describes your interests?

Pet Show Water Work Obedience Agility Tracking
Potential Show Potential Breeding

3. What are your preferences?

Sex: Male Female
Coat: Curly Wavy
Temperament: (Please describe.)

4. How and why did you choose the PWD?

5. Please describe your lifestyle and general work hours:

6. How much time during the day will the dog be alone?

7. How often are you out of town? What accommodations will you make for your dog in your absence?

8. Will this be an inside dog or outside dog?

9. Where will the dog sleep at night?

10. Do you have a lawn? If so, what size? Is it fenced? If so, what size and material of fencing does it have?

11. Where will your puppy get his/her exercise? How often?
12. Has any member of your household taken dog training courses?
13. Do you have interest in doing water work with your puppy?
14. Have you previously owned dogs that are no longer living with you? If yes, what breed of dog did you own? What happened to those dogs, and at what age?
15. Do you currently have dogs or other pets at home? If yes, what breed, sex, size, and age? Are they spayed or neutered?
16. Who in your family will have primary responsibility for the care of your new puppy?
17. Do you understand that the puppy will require grooming approximately every six to eight weeks and will require at least weekly brushing? Who will do the grooming?
18. Do you plan to keep the dog in a Lion Clip or Retriever Clip?
19. How often will you take your dogs on car rides? How will the dog be contained?
20. How did you find out about Maritimo and our dogs?
21. How soon are you looking for a puppy or dog?
22. Would you be interested in an older dog?
23. Would you be interested in co-owning a potential show puppy?
24. Do you have a veterinarian? If so, please list their name and phone number.
25. Please list any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with us.