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DALMATIAN PUPPY PACK

COMPANION DOG

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Dear Prospective New Puppy Owner:

Thank you for expressing interest in a TNG Dalmatian!! Whether you are primarily interested in a companion dog, or are considering an obedience, conformation, show, or breeding animal, we would like to provide the following general information about the breed.

DALMATIANS

The adult Dalmatian is a distinctive and strikingly handsome animal who is sure to attract attention wherever he/she goes. Although popularized by the Disney movie **101 Dalmatians**, the breed traces its ancestry to the earliest Pointers and Danes (arguably). Originally as coaching dogs, their duties were to guard the stable and to run with the carriage protecting both it and the horses. As such, you will find the Dalmatian to possess considerable stamina and to be capable of a wide variety of physical feats. The Dalmatian temperament has been characterized as the 'clown of canines'. Generally, they are highly intelligent and wonderfully loyal companions.

There is hardly anything more attractive than a new Dalmatian puppy, except perhaps a litter of Dal pups! All breeds have both positive and negative points, however, which you should consider and be prepared to deal with on the arrival of your new pup.

1] Dalmatians SHED, as do all smooth coated breeds. Dalmatian hair is stiff and abundant. It can get on your clothes and work into the fabric. While it is easy to sweep or vacuum, it is hard to brush off. If you do mind the hair, or vacuuming a bit often, you may be unhappy with a Dal. Alternatively, you may learn to just leave that favorite navy blue jacket at the office!

2] Dalmatians are ACTIVE, especially during puppy hood (which lasts about 18 months). You will need a fenced yard, or the time and energy to take the puppy for long walks/runs. A Dalmatian that is confined and not properly exercised will get barky, hyperactive and nervous acting (sure signs of frustration).

3] Dalmatians are highly SOCIAL and need to feel like part of the family. The Dal does not develop properly either in temperament or conformation if kept isolated at all times from family life. However, they do adjust well to work schedules and 'quiet time' alone. Dalmatians are VERY smart and can adapt to almost any routine.

4] All Dalmatians require basic OBEDIENCE training (e.g. Sit, Down, Off, Stay, etc.). They need to know the rules of the household right from the start. If you do not function as the pack leader, the Dalmatian will gladly step right in and perform that role. Since they can be stubborn and are smart enough to quickly learn what they can (or can't) get away with, you could have a problem child on your hands.

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DALMATIANS (cont'd)

5] Dalmatians are great CLOWNS and can prove themselves to be both entertaining and exasperating. You need to have a sense of humor to enjoy the Dalmatian, because Dals themselves have a sense of humor. You should not expect rigid, 100% obedient, robotic behavior.

ON THE POSITIVE SIDE....

Dalmatians are wonderful, intelligent, loyal companions, excellent family dogs, very clean and have almost no 'doggie' odor. They rarely drool or bark. Dalmatians are generally easy to house train. They are natural, sensible watchdogs with a good sense of property and territory. They are easy keepers and relatively inexpensive to maintain. Dalmatians are quite hearty and healthy. They love to ride in the car, swim, run, ride with bikes on a leash, or run along with horses or a jogger. They are very sensitive to human moods and do their best to cheer up a family member when they are having a gloomy day. They are a great deal of fun for the whole family and will quickly become a member of your family.

Any Dalmatian owner will be glad to tell you that this is THE BEST breed there is! If after reading this the Dalmatian sounds like the right dog for you, we would like to recommend and encourage additional reading material:

THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF THE DALMATIAN
by the Dalmatian Club of America
TFH Publications, Inc.
(The most complete and authoritative Dal reference book)

The New Dalmatian Coach Dog Firehouse Dog
Alfred and Esmeralda Treen
(The classic Dal book)

The Dalmatian
Anna Katherine Nicholas
(Great history of foundation kennels)

Good Owners, Great Dogs
Brian Kilcommons
(A training manual for humans and their canine companions)

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ABOUT TNG DALMATIANS

We are an exclusive kennel breeding Dalmatians for the sole purpose of maintaining both the welfare and the quality of the Breed. We do not produce puppies for the purpose of sale in pet shops or as prizes in raffles or contests. We **DO NOT** sell Dalmatian puppies as a “puppy mill” business for profit. Instead, our breeding program is designed to advance the TYPE and QUALITY of the breed, with each mating (and resultant litter) carefully planned months and years in advance. As responsible breeders, we feel it is our moral and ethical duty to place our puppies in ideal homes, where their proper socialization and development will progress. We place the highest priority on matching our Dalmatian puppy to its prospective companion so that **the puppy**, as well as its owner, will enjoy a happy and rewarding life. To this end, we are likely to ask several of the following questions during our interview with you:

- 1] Home - location, type (apt, condo, house), size of yard, fencing, interior layout, etc.
- 2] Family - Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced, Children (ages, boys, girls).
- 3] Prior Dog Ownership - Breed, pet/show quality, experience, training.
- 4] Primary Caretaker - Hours at home, feeding, grooming, training abilities.
- 5] Family/Personal Lifestyle - Active, sedentary, athlete, travel, etc.
- 6] Goals of Dalmatian Ownership - Companion dog, obedience work, tracking, breeding, show.
- 7] Veterinarian - arranged?

ABOUT YOUR NEW TNG DALMATIANS PUPPY

There is nothing neither cuter nor more attractive than an active litter of properly socialized puppies, particularly of the spotted variety. When first meeting these lovable darlings, it may be difficult to remember some of the key questions which may facilitate your choice of a puppy. We offer the following checklist to keep in mind:

- 1] Breeding - Sire, Dam, goals of this particular mating. What is meant by ‘pure bred’?
- 2] SPOTS - A lot or a little? What is a Black Patch? What is a White Patch? What is ‘Trim’?
- 3] Color - Black & White, Liver & White, Lemon & White, Tricolor.
- 4] Conformation - Fronts, Rears, Topline, Tailset, etc. What is the AKC Breed Standard?
- 5] Temperaments - Confident, playful, attentive, social vs. shy, withdrawn.
- 6] Hearing - BAER Testing, Bilateral, Unilateral, Deaf.
- 7] Kidney Stones - Low Protein, low Purine Diet.
- 8] Vaccinations & Immunizations, Intestinal Parasites & Heartworm Prophylaxis.
- 9] Veterinarian examinations, Dew claws.
- 10] Terms of Ownership - Price, Contracts, Guarantees, Return Policy.

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Why Does My TNG Dalmatian Cost \$500.00?

None of us likes to talk price, nor engage in a money negotiation, particularly at the moment of a lifelong bond with that new bundle of joy. But, facts are facts. Dalmatian puppies have value, and value has a price. A simple answer might be, "So \$500 for a pup that will hopefully live for 12 years...that is a little over \$42.00 per year or about 11 cents per day! No big deal!"

Most people just don't seem to understand the difference between buying a purebred puppy from a breeder, versus picking up a rescue pup, pet-shop pup, or worst yet, a puppy mill pup. While each of these may have their strengths or weaknesses, we wanted to discuss what has gone on in the past to produce your new puppy, and our commitment to the puppy into the future. We hope that you will then find great value in the 11 cents per day investment!

First there is the selection of the Stud Dog. At TNG, we use only our own studs for the actual breeding. This means that we do not ship our bitches to other lines where we do not have as accurate details about the lineage, health, temperament, and progeny. Each TNG stud has been whelped in our kennel, raised to adulthood, trained, conditioned, and exhibited. In order to finish AKC or International Championship titles, an investment of \$5000 to \$25000 has been made for each stud, paying for travel, handlers, entries, grooming, conditioning, advertising, campaigning, etc. Our studs have been BAER tested, OFA certified, had semen analysis, DNA testing, and collected for storage and future use.

Then there is the selection of the Brood Bitch. Again, at TNG we use only our own bitches for the actual breeding, and do not lease from other lines where we might not have accurate details about lineage, health, temperament, progeny, etc. Our bitches have been whelped in our kennel, raised to adulthood, trained, conditioned and exhibited. Likewise, a significant investment in show exhibition and championship titles has been made (\$5,000+). Our bitches have been BAER tested, OFA certified, and ovulation timed.

Each TNG breeding is planned years in advance, with intense research and analysis of gene pools, conformation, temperament, health, and diseases. Our breeding program focuses upon optimizing breed type, conformation, and temperament into future generations; hence the kennel prefix, "The Next Generation". To conduct the breeding we have assembled the requisite dogs, timed the season and ovulation of the bitch, and conducted either natural or artificial insemination using fresh semen, or direct uterine implant of frozen semen. These procedures of themselves are quite costly! During the period of pregnancy, the health and happiness of the brood bitch has been attentively considered. Proper diet, exercise, and veterinary services including X-rays and Ultrasounds have been performed. The whelping environment, including a whelping box, heat lamp, scales, record keeping, cleaning, heating, washing/drying towels, surgical supplies, drugs, etc, has been prepared.

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Why Does My TNG Dalmatian Cost \$500.00? (cont'd)

The day of whelp at TNG is always a major event. Usually the brood bitch spends ~48 hours preparing her 'nest', during which time the TNG humans are checking temperature, monitoring food and water intake, and generally worrying every few hours, day and night, to properly care for her. When she delivers, the process can take from 8 to 24 hours, with multiple interventions on each puppy, as some arrive vigorous and others require "resuscitation". Many telephone calls to the vet, and obstetrical interventions characterize a typical experience.

If this were not enough, rearing of the litter includes daily examinations, neurological stimulation, feeding, weaning, watering, supplements, training, crating, cleaning and more cleaning, washing, and a lot of lost sleep. Some pups require special help like tube feeding, or even veterinary assistance for health concerns. Then there are vaccinations, worming, BAER testing, conformation assessment, temperament testing, and LOTS of photographing!

OK...so, a healthy litter of pups is raised. Then, there are the concerns of AKC registration, screening puppy buyers, answering millions of questions, phone calls at all hours of the day and night, e-mail, puppy buyer visitations, pictures, videos, puppy temperament testing and more evaluations. Of course there are the myriad of contracts, guarantees, and future planning for these bundles of joy.

Well, the pup goes home...and we go to the bank? Hmmmm...our responsibilities do not stop there. The buyers call a zillion times with questions or complaints like "why is he taking so long to housebreak?", or "he hasn't pooped in two days...is that OK?". Hours and hours of telephone time and face to face time are spent grooming, boarding when out of town, offering advice for behavioral or training challenges, and just "talking dogs". Then, occasionally personal circumstances change, and an owner finds that they cannot keep their TNG Dalmatian any longer. We go back to work with the owner finding another home with someone who will care for our dog, someone who we can all depend on.

YES, you can get a puppy from the paper for \$200...or even FREE! BUT, you will not know its lineage, its potential health problems, its temperament, its background, its training, its rearing, or really anything at all about it. You will NOT benefit from the selection of the sire and dam, the proper care and rearing of the litter, the appropriate evaluations of the health and temperament of the puppy. You will not be linked to a breeder who cares passionately about their puppies, or their breeding program. You will not have another "Dal person" to turn to for solutions of common, or uncommon, problems that are likely to develop into the future as you rear, train and care for your new puppy, and your lifelong companion. In short, with a breeder, you get the puppy...and the breeder!

We are sorry that this is so long! To sum up, a Mercedes costs more than a Volkswagon!!

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CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF A COMPANION DALMATIAN

Breeder/Seller: Irvin/June Krukenkamp Owner/Buyer: _____
Sire: _____ AKC Reg.#: _____
Dam: _____ AKC Reg.#: _____
Litter Reg. #: _____ Date Whelped: _____
Sex: _____ Color: _____ Call Name: _____
Price: _____ Date of Delivery: _____ Date of Contract: _____

TERMS

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the purchase and sale of an AKC registered Dalmatian as described above for the purpose of a 'companion' or 'pet' dog. This Dalmatian has been bred to enhance the type and quality of the breed, according to the guiding principles of the Dalmatian Club of America and the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England. As such, it is the product of appropriate and responsible breeding, handling, rearing, neurological stimulation, socialization, temperament testing, and veterinarian services. This Dalmatian has been examined and evaluated by the Breeder, the Breeder's veterinarian, and associated breeders/handlers/judges deemed appropriate by Breeder. Dalmatian breed Type, Conformation, Temperament and Quality has been assessed by the aforementioned individuals and instruments. **From all outward appearances, this Dalmatian is sound and healthy on the date of delivery.** Pedigrees, AKC Registration forms, immunization, worming, and BAER hearing test results are provided separately and do not constitute part of this contract. **ALL SALES ARE CONSIDERED FINAL ON THE DATE OF THIS CONTRACT. NO REFUND OF THE PURCHASE PRICE SHALL BE MADE THEREAFTER.**

BREEDER/SELLER

- 1] Will guarantee this Dalmatian to be free of any health or temperament irregularities **on the date of delivery**. A full refund of the purchase price will be given for any TNG Dalmatian found NOT to be healthy or found to have irregular temperament by the Buyer or Buyer's Veterinarian. The full refund of the purchase price will be given ONLY upon physical return of the dog and the AKC registration form, **and ONLY prior to the 'DATE OF CONTRACT' indicated above. Thus, a 2 week grace period for evaluation/examination will be allowed.**
- 2] Will be available for advice in all matters concerning this Dalmatian.
- 3] Will provide Buyer a five generation pedigree when payment in full is received.
- 4] Will sign the AKC registration form and transfer it to the Buyer when payment in full is received. The registration form shall be completed as a "limited registration". This indicates that no progeny of this Dalmatian will be registered by the American Kennel Club.
- 5] Will be available to assist the Buyer in the future placement and/or sale of this Dalmatian should Buyer determine that, for any reason whatsoever, he/she can no longer keep this dog.

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TERMS (Cont'd)

OWNER/BUYER

- 1] Will have this Dalmatian examined by a Veterinarian of the Buyer's choice upon delivery and prior to the date of this contract.
- 2] Will have full possession and will love, honor, cherish and protect this Dalmatian, keeping it free from harm and in good health for its lifetime.
- 3] Agrees to follow the Breeder/Seller's instructions on diet, training, and grooming.
- 4] Will agree to provide this Dalmatian with a fenced yard and/or will not permit it to run loose outside its owner's yard. This Dalmatian is considered to be a companion and thus, a house dog that will not be left out in severe weather conditions.
- 5] Agrees that this Dalmatian shall NEVER be abandoned to an animal shelter or sold to a research center.
- 6] **Agrees to have this Dalmatian neutered/spayed within the first year of its life.**
- 7] Agrees that this Dalmatian is NOT a breeding quality animal and **will under NO circumstances conduct any matings with this Dalmatian during its life span.**
- 8] Agrees to inform Breeder in writing or by telephone of ANY health or temperament irregularities that may develop during the life span of this Dalmatian.
- 9] Agrees to provide Breeder with photographs or videotapes of this Dalmatian at 6, 12, 18 and 24 months of age.
- 10] Agrees to grant Breeder and/or Breeder's designee the right to examine, photograph, or videotape this Dalmatian at 6, 12, 18 and 24 months of age.

PAYMENT TERMS

CASH ON DELIVERY

By affixing their signatures below, Breeder/Seller and Owner/Buyer attest that they have read, understood and agreed to all terms of this contract and that it is a legally binding agreement. Furthermore, Breeder/Seller and Owner/Buyer agree that this document is a legally binding contract for each other, their heirs, assigns and estates, both now and forever into the future. For this document to be binding, the signatures of both Breeder/Seller and Owner/Buyer are required. If any provision of this contract is or becomes void or unenforceable by force or operation of law, the other provisions shall remain valid and enforceable. The entire contract between the parties is contained herein. In the event of any dispute, the State of New York will have jurisdiction over the matter.

Signature of Breeder/Seller: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Owner/Buyer: _____ Date: _____

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NEW PUPPY INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on the arrival of your new puppy and Welcome to the TNG Dalmatians family!! We know how excited you must be, and how much fun (and work) is on the horizon. We also are aware that many of the things that we discussed during our meetings together are easily confused and forgotten in the light of the rambunctious little bundle you are playing with. Hopefully this information sheet will help jog your memory and serve as a nice reference.

FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS

Your new puppy is accustomed to eating 3 to 4 times per day. In general, a 6 - 9 week old puppy eats about 1 to 1 1/4 cups of puppy chow daily (divide this total by 3 to determine the amount for each feeding...e.g. 1/3 cup three times per day = 1 cup daily). By the age of 9 - 12 weeks, advance to about 1 1/2 cups total daily. We feed PEDIGREE PUPPY DOG FOOD which has the proper balance of high quality protein for your Dalmatian puppy. Remember, Dals have problems with kidney stones and do not tolerate high protein diets. Please be sure to offer plenty of water to your puppy, particularly during warmer weather. This will help keep the kidneys flushed and insure proper hydration. We recommend using distilled water.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS

When your puppy first arrives at your home, he/she will be quite playful. However, do not be surprised if after settling in, your Dal pup tends to sleep a lot. This is normal. During the first few weeks it is critically important that you provide a lot of human contact, to continue the proper socialization skills that were instilled during your puppy's early days in the whelping box. Puppy Kindergarten is an excellent idea. Most pet shops or local kennels offer this service. In a few weekly sessions your puppy will be exposed to a number of different sizes, types, and breeds of dogs, as well as people. These encounters are important to continue to develop that all important, well socialized, temperament.

As far as 'potty' training is concerned, your puppy will have acquired excellent habits from his/her mother in the whelping box. In general, puppies do not eliminate where they eat or sleep. Feed your puppy in one area, and let it play (and poop) in another. Newspapers (preferably unprinted if you want to keep the puppy clean) are easy to clean up. If the puppy begins to excrete off the papers, just put him back on right away. You don't need to holler and scream...it won't understand. Another helpful hint is to let the puppy outside **frequently** during the day. You will be surprised, indeed, at how much it will prefer to 'do its business' outside!

As far as bedtime goes, your puppy has already been acclimated to a crate. The crate is an excellent place to keep the puppy safe at night, as well as during unsupervised times during the day. A puppy left alone in a crate cannot chew up the couch or the dining room table leg.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS (Cont'd)

Please be sure to keep the crate time limited to a few hours at a time in the beginning. You can crate for longer periods as the puppy grows.

As far as leash and collar work goes, your puppy has already received some training. In general, you can leave a collar on during the day, when supervised. We recommend removing the collar at night, particularly when crated to avoid that unlikely circumstance that something or some part might be caught and cause the puppy discomfort. Most puppies refuse to walk on lead. This is normal! We do not recommend the “drag ‘em” technique as it may harm the neck of the puppy, not to mention the developing relationship between you and your pup. Generally, if you crouch down low a few feet a way and make a lot of happy noises and sounds, your pup will come running. Let the puppy walk with the lead on the ground dragging behind him. It won't be long 'til the both of you get it right!

GROOMING INSTRUCTIONS

Fortunately, Dalmatians are a pretty low maintenance breed when it comes to grooming. You can touch up the bad spots with a moist wash cloth. For the time when your pup becomes absolutely filthy, you can bathe it in warm water with a mild soap (e.g. Ivory).

You should brush your puppy with a soft rubber curry brush once per week. You should have been shown this during your meetings at TNG Dalmatians. Brushing helps to remove dead hair which cuts down on shedding and invigorates the skin.

You must trim your puppy's nails at least once per week. This is going to be a real chore...we know. It is critically important for the proper development of 'coaching' feet. Use a standard dog nail clipper and trim back to the quick (the red part in the center of the nail). If the nail is black, just trim it to about the same length as the white nails. Once you let the nails go without trimming for several weeks, the quick grows out and you will never be able to get those nails short again. When your 5 lb puppy boy becomes a 55 lb STUD, those nails will be painful to the dog (and YOU whenever he jumps up...and he will jump up).

If you purchased a show quality puppy, we will have also demonstrated proper grooming for the show ring. This is really pretty easy. All facial whiskers, tuck-up hairs, rear and front cowlicks and the tip of the tail should be clipped. A conditioner such as mink oil should be applied and the coat lightly brushed with the curry brush. Voila!...You're ready for the ring.

Hopefully you have found these brief notes helpful. If problems pop up (and we are certain they will), please do not hesitate to give us a call. We will be more than eager to help. If we do not know the answer to a specific question, we will try to find out the answer for you, or refer you to an appropriate source. Again, CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK!!

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