**Website Download: Depot Dachsies Application**

Thank you for your interest in one of our miniature dachshund puppies. When it comes to placing our puppies with new families, it is very important to us that potential new owners have the knowledge, ability, facilities, time and resources to provide an excellent home where each puppy will receive the love, care and attention it needs in order to live a long, happy and healthy life. To assist us in choosing suitable buyers for our puppies, we ask that you fill in the following application form. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing this information to us, and hope that you understand that we have the best interest of both our puppies and our potential buyers at heart in requesting it.

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address (no P.O. Box) :

**Previous Experience**

1. Have you previously owned dogs? If so, what breeds?
2. Did your previous dogs live out their entire lives with you? If no, please describe.
3. If you previously owned a dachshund and it passed away, what was the cause of death?
4. Have you ever had to return, re-home, or surrender any of your pets? If yes, please describe.
5. Are there other animals in your home? If yes, how many, what kind and/or breed?
6. Are you purchasing this puppy for yourself or someone else?

**Family Dynamics**

1. How many adults reside in the home?
2. Do children reside in your home? If yes, what are their ages?
3. Do you own or rent? If you rent, please provide your lease showing where dogs are allowed or landlord’s contact information. What will you do if you must move and cannot find a home that allows dogs?
4. Does anyone in your household have allergies to pets or other animals?
5. Please describe a typical work/school day in your household and the occupations of the adults.
6. When you’re out of town for business or a vacation, what do you plan to do with your puppy?

**Puppy Dynamics**

1. Where will this puppy reside primarily? What about times when it will be alone? How many hours will it be alone during the day?
2. Please describe how you will keep your puppy contained both indoors and outdoors?
3. What is the name, address, and telephone number of your vet? (Even if you currently have no pets please list the vet you have used in the past if there was a time you did have pets. We may contact them as a reference.)
4. Do you realize that dog parks, pet stores or anywhere other dogs traverse frequently are dangerous to your puppy’s health until after his/her last puppy shot?

**History with Dachshunds**

1. What draws you to miniature dachshunds?
2. Are you familiar with the potential health risks of this breed?
3. These litters will be available to go to their forever homes on TBD. Will you be able to take this puppy home the weekend it is available?
4. Will you pick this puppy up?
5. Do you have a particular puppy that you’re interested in? Do you prefer a long or short hair pup (or either)? Do you have a sex preference? Do you have a color / pattern preference? The more open you are the quicker the wait will be and the more specific the request the longer the wait will be.
6. Have you researched the dachshund breed and general puppy care?
7. Are you currently on or looking to join other breeder waiting lists? If so, do you agree to contact us if you no longer wish to be on our list? (It is so important that you communicate with us. Otherwise we waste valuable time contacting you and waiting for you to get back to us.)
8. Do you also acknowledge that the $150 waiting list fee is non-refundable if you choose not to purchase a puppy from us?

**Depot Dachsies Guardianship Program-** This is a program where we place a puppy or dog with you that is on contract to come back to us for breeding. We pay all breeding related expenses. Benefits of the program for you include a reduced purchase price, our pick dog/puppy, a monetary payment for each litter produced and possibly a reduced wait time. It’s great for the puppy/dog because they have a forever home from the time they’re born. It helps up by allowing us to keep the number of dogs in our home to a number that we’re comfortable with but allows us to expand our breeding program. Details are specific for each puppy/dog. We’re looking for a few guardianship homes later this year and are looking to start a wait list specific for this program. We can send a FAQ and generic contract if you may be interested. Please note, you must live within 45 minutes of Easton, MA or Middleboro, MA.

1. Do you live within 45 minutes of Easton or Middleboro, MA?
2. If so, would you be interested in our guardianship program?
3. Would you like us to send additional information on the program?
4. Do you have any questions in regards to the program?
5. If you are interested, do you have a gender or hair (long vs smooth) preference?
6. If you are interested, are you open to an older dog or only a puppy?

**Additional Questions**

1. If for some reason you are unable to keep this puppy are you willing to give him back to us so we can find a good home for him? Under no circumstances should this dog be surrendered to a shelter or a rescue.
2. Have you or anyone in the home ever had an animal removed by local or state authorities or have you or anyone in the home been investigated, arrested or convicted of a crime involving animals?
3. Do you agree to spay/neuter your dog?
4. I understand that should I change my mind and no longer want a puppy after a deposit is placed that I will forfeit my deposit. All deposits are non-refundable. The deposit serves as a fee to hold the puppy making him/her unavailable to other customers. If you back out we lose valuable advertising time. This also helps us filter out customers who are not serious buyers. Your deposit will be placed toward the balance of the puppy. If something happens to the puppy while in our care we will refund the deposit received in full. Please say yes or no and initial.
5. How did you hear about us? Also, where did you look to find a puppy? We want to make sure we’re advertising where our customers are looking!
6. Are you on Facebook? We do most of our communication through facebook so we recommend that you friend us at Becca Depot Dachsies (set up as a person).
7. Do you have any questions for us?

Completing this application is a step in the process to acquiring a puppy from *Depot Dachsies*, but it does **not** guarantee you'll get a puppy from this or any future litter. While it's unlikely, the breeder reserves the right to refuse any placement at any time. There is no obligation to buy a puppy from us until you’ve placed a deposit. Filling out the application shows your interest and gives us an idea about the kind of home you can provide.

**APPROVAL AND DEPOSIT:** We will review applications within 2 weeks of receipt. (We have kids and dogs and are very busy but try to get back to you as soon as possible.) Applications are processed in the order they are received. You will be notified if you are approved or not. We use the date the application is received and not approved to be added to the waitlist so you won’t be penalized by our delay. Once approved, we will contact you to confirm your must haves and ask your payment preference to place the waitlist fee. We will add you to our waitlist after the receipt of your $150 waitlist fee. When reaching out to our waitlist, we will give you **24 hours to respond**. If we don’t hear from you, then we will assume you are not interested and will remove you from the waitlist. Please respond when we contact you! If you chose to pass on a puppy that was exactly what you wanted, you will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist. (However, if you reach out to us ahead of time we’re happy to move you to our inactive list if the timing isn’t right for you.) We will only accept deposits when puppies are 2-4 weeks old. We now require a $300 deposit to hold your puppy (minus your $150 waitlist deposit so $150 when we have a puppy for you).  All deposits and fees are non-refundable. We accept personal checks, Pay-Pal or Venmo for puppy deposits and the wait list fee. The deposit serves as a fee to hold the puppy making him/her unavailable to other customers. Your deposit will be placed toward the balance of the puppy. If something happens to the puppy while in our care we will refund the deposit minus the waitlist fee. We do ask for the remainder of the balance in cash on pick-up day.

**GOING HOME:** We will not hold a puppy for longer than pickup weekend. It is critical for their social development that the litter departs within a reasonable timeframe. If you have a big vacation planned or have events that would conflict with a young puppy, please know puppies cannot be boarded in a kennel until they have received their full immunizations and their rabies vaccination which cannot be done until 3 months of age.

**CONTRACT:**We have a contract and will not place a puppy without a signed contract. We believe it's the professional thing to do to memorialize our obligations to each other on paper so there are no questions later, and for that reason it's a bit lengthy. If you have questions about specific terms, you need to contact us prior to picking up your puppy.

**SPAY/NEUTER:** We require spay/neuter at or before 18 months. If you're a breeder you should probably look elsewhere. This might seem hypocritical at first glance, but we have a take-back provision in our contract. Any puppy from our home always has a home here, and will never experience the fear and burden of life at a shelter. Taking back an unaltered dog into our home poses significant risk to our own dogs due to canine STDs and the possibility an unaltered dog could be pregnant. Sadly, many well-intentioned folks don't remember to spay before the first heat cycle, and suddenly their barely-adolescent dog is pregnant by multiple studs of unknown heritage. Spay surgery while pregnant is exceedingly risky, and several canine STDs such as brucellosis can be transferred to humans, which pose an unacceptable risk to our family. Because we take cradle-to-grave "original home" responsibility for the puppies we created, puppies must be de-sexed unless you are under a guardian home agreement or a full rights contract.

**REGISTRATION PAPERS:** Our puppies make excellent family companions. This litter will come with a limited AKC registration application.