For New Puppy Owners

First off, we would like to Thank You for taking the time to view our website and Most of all we would like to Thank You and your family on deciding to purchase one of our precious babies from Twin Kennels:)

***We have started requiring a puppy application just to ensure our puppies are going to the best homes possibly. We would like everyone to make sure they have read over our contracts and understand them. If you have any questions, PLEASE don't hesitate to give us a call. We just want to make sure our new owners understand the Breed Great Danes / Weimaraners (PLEASE BEFORE AGREEING TO GET A NEW PUPPY YOU HAVE DONE YOUR RESEARCH AND YOU READ OUR PAGES: IS A GREAT DANE RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WEIMS).

All we really ask is our babies to be taking care of and have a LOVING FOREVER HOME © Great Danes are an awesome breed; they are very loving and loyal to their FAMILY and want to be right where you are always (like Velcro or your shadow) you will never go to the restroom alone © ha-ha. They are true to the meaning GENTLE GIANTS!!! Danes are like most other puppies besides the HUGE size different. You see a lot of Danes in rescues and the # 1 reason is "They are just to BIG:/ They are very playful (handful at times) and clumsy, they jump, chew, scratch just like any other puppies do. They have a tail the plays like a whip it will get you LOL!!! Danes tent to be calmer than most breeds (labs or weims for instants) but that usually don't start happening until they get older close to 1yr of age © Of course they will have their burst of energy and then rest/nap for a little while. Weims too are an awesome breed as well they just are a very highly athletic breed with lots of energy. This breed isn't just for anyone!! They are demanding puppies/dogs that do require strong leadership and a lot of exercise to maintain an even temperament. Weims needs at least 2hrs of vigorous exercise every day to unsure they are not rowdy and destructive. Also, they do have severe separation anxiety, please just research all-natural calming meds and thunder shirt. We cannot stress the importance over nutrition and training/socializing a puppy. Crate training is a MUST we are a firm believer in crating puppies not only to protect your belongings but also for the safety of your puppy!!!

We are not saying nor expect you to pay \$60 and up for a 30lb bag of dog food. We have recently changed foods again.... We are currently using Purina Pro Plan Adult Giant Breed. We also have fed Valu Pak (Red and Silver and Blue bag) and Victor Food (the man who formulated the food owns Danes) but however we have been seeing other breeders/families having issues with it. I think they have changed their formula . The problem we were having with Valu Pak and Victor was you can't get it just anywhere and some of our families were finding it hard to get. You can visit their website https://specialty-feeds.com/dog-food/valu-pak-dog-food and search your location to see if its carried in your area http://www.maptive.com/ver3/0d796f1f29342a35edeb2342d8bf1f71. Before you purchase a bag of food please ask us what we are feeding because it could change. We understand if you would like to feed your puppy something different that is perfectly fine, we just recommend you not switching it right away. We recommend them getting adjusted to their new home before changing. Example: if you choose to change foods buy a 50lb bag of the feed they are currently eating, then about halfway thru start gradually adding the new food in a little at a time until you have weeded out the old food! If you can't find any local dealers that carry it, we can always have a bag here you can purchase when you pick up your baby. The price is \$25 for a 50lb bag. If you are interested in us having a bag here please just let us know ahead of time.

What To Look For In a GOOD Quality Puppy/Dog Food

1.) Calcium levels at or below 1.2% and Phosphorus levels at or below 0.9%

2.) Protein Level around 24 % (Can be higher 33% if feeding a Grain Free Food or if the protein is coming from meat).
3.) NO PUPPY FOOD unless it meets the above levels!

Older studies thought too much protein is bad and the cause of growth deformities like hip dysplasia, growing pains, knuckling, PANO and HOD. New studies are sayings it's the Calcium and phosphorus levels causing the issues. So, has long as your calcium is at or below 1.2 % and your phosphorus is at or below 0.9% your puppy will have fewer risks of bone and joint issues.

All Puppies/Dogs are different what works for one may not work for others. Just watch your puppy/dog for issues, if they occur then adjust accordingly.

Other Foods we recommend:

- 1.) Valu Pak (Red & Silver)
- 2.) 4 Health (Tractor Supply)
- 3.) Wholesome (Tractor Supply)
- 4.) Diamond (Tractor Supply)

What you feed is up to you and what's best for your puppy/dog (just follow the recommended levels)

We have seen what the issues puppies have by NOT feeding a quality food it can be very painful to a puppy. We don't feed a grain food free formula to our puppies we believe with the rapid growth of a Dane they need it.

Of course, you would feed Grain Free if your puppy/dogs have allergies.

We take a lot of PRIDE in our babies and their Health. All of our puppies go on a strict return agreement, if something happens and you aren't able to keep him or her, we want them back just to make sure they don't end up in a shelter and is taking care of. However, we do understand things come up that isn't in our control and we understand that!!! We usually follow our puppy buyers on FB (our personal pages) or thru email. We don't expect for you to send pics daily, but we do expect to get MONTHLY updates or at least see pics on Facebook. Not only do we follow up to make sure all is going well but their HEALTH is a big part of our program. We want to make sure nothing comes up in our lines that we don't need to address © Please don't take this as being PUSHY that's not what we want. We have seen a lot in our 10 plus years of breeding, so we just want to make sure people understand everything that comes along with owning a Great Dane "Giant Breed" or Weimarnaers.

*** We require a \$300 Non-Refundable Deposit to hold the puppy of your choice (This goes toward the balance of the puppy). Deposits are due when the puppies turn 2 weeks of age. We have the right to refuse to sell a puppy to anyone we believe that will not be a great suitable home! We will NOT HOLD a puppy without the Deposit, or the deposit being arranged. We also require all contracts to be filled out including the For new owners page to be signed and turned in with the deposit!

***Payment Methods we accept: Money Gram, Cashier's Check, PayPal (PLEASE send Friends and Family) and Cash. When using PayPal if you don't send it thru Friends and Family you will need to add 3.5% to each total transaction for PayPal Fees. PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT OUT TO KELLY BENNETT OR TERRI MASON (WE WILL LET YOU KNOW)

*** Registration- All our puppies/dogs are sold on LIMITED AKC REGISTRATION..We require a Spay/Neuter Contract (means this dog is not to be used for breeding and Entry in dog events is restricted.) Once we receive documentation from your Vet that he or she has been spayed/neutered we will Mail their AKC papers to you. It is recommended to spay/neuter your puppy between the ages of 15 months to 24 months. HOWEVER, we do from time to time offer puppies on FULL AKC. Full AKC Registrations means "No Restrictions". Full AKC will only be available to approved homes ONLY PLEASE call us to discuss!

*** <u>Ear Cropping</u>- Our Ear Cropping has changed as our vet no longer crops; we have found a local vet that crops but the cost will be \$550 - \$750. Remaining balance of the puppy and Ear Cropping money will be due @7 wks. old. Please see the Ear Cropping tab for full details.

*** Shipping-WE HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES TO OUR SHIPPING METHOD!!! Right now, we offer a few different shipping methods. Please view the shipping tab for more info! If you decide to pick your puppy up at our homes, PLEASE follow these rules: Don't stop at any other breeders home or shelter before coming to our homes! If you have had a puppy to die or be diagnosed with Parvo within the last 3 years, PLEASE let us know most likely we will meet you somewhere else. Parvo is terrible so we just try to take as many precautions we can to keep our babies safe as possible!!! If your puppy has to be shipped by ground or flight, PLEASE make sure you read over the Shipping Info and fill out all required documents. Also, your puppy/shipping will have to be paid in FULL NO LATER than 7 weeks old we will not ship your puppy.

*** We here at Twin Kennels keep our puppies till 8 weeks of age which is recommended by our Veterinarian we believe it helps build their system up before going to their new homes:)

***You as the buyer understand that after 8 weeks from the date of birth of the puppy, if it is not picked up and paid for in full all payments will be forfeited and the puppy will be resold, unless other arrangements have been made.

***ALL OF OUR PUPPIES GO ON A STRICT RETURN POLICY. If for any reason you (the buyer) can't keep for your puppy/dog he or she will be required to be returned to Twin Kennels. We will take the puppy back and find it a new home. By purchasing this puppy, you are agreeing to NEVER place this puppy in a shelter. We as the breeder reserve the right to take back/come get any puppy/dog that we feel isn't being took care of up to our standards or isn't in the best situation and NO REFUND will be given. We always reserve the right to do what's in the best interest of our puppies/dogs! Buyer(s) are responsible for all shipping expenses to have puppy sent back.

*** As far as visitors we don't mind them at all \odot The only thing we ask, is you wait till the puppies are between 4 to 5 weeks old and had their first set of shots (We give a parvo shot at 4wks). Parvo is terrible in our area so we take all the precautions we can to keep our babies Healthy/Safe \odot

***We do WEEKLY pics/videos. We understand everyone wants to see their puppy grow but please understand we will get them to you as soon as we can. It will not be the same day of every week it can vary depending our schedules. As puppies get older it is VERY difficult to get pics therefore, we may only do videos.

*** We do not have a facility. Twin Kennels is made up of myself (Terri) and my twin sister (Kelly). Our dogs / puppies are kept at each of our house where we have and indoor/outdoor kennels. Our puppies are very socialized with people/children. We litter-box train our puppies which makes it easy to potty train. Dane puppies are very smart they are fast learners if you have them on a consist schedule. So, your puppy will NOT come fully crate trained or potty trained, he or she will need months of training \(\overline{\pi}\) which we will send some helpful training tips!

***We do our vaccinations and de-worming's. Our puppies receive his/her parvo shot (neopar) between 4-5 wks. old, 5 in 1 booster between 6-7 wks. We DO NOT recommend giving the Leptospirosis vaccine at all, it has been linked to autoimmune disorders and has a high reaction (I would ask your vet how common lepto is in your area. If not, many cases we would hold off. If it is common in your area you can just give the vaccine just make sure it's their last shoe and only done by itself and not with any other vaccine) Deworming's are done every 2-3 wks. of age until puppy goes home. Some vets don't recognize breeder's vaccines, however, DO NOT let them re-give vaccinations we have already given!!! Our vet will write a letter stating how their vet exams goes. If you every have any questions let us know and you or your vet can speak to our vet.

NO REFUNDS SORRY!!!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ OVER EVERYTHING AND ARE COMFORTABLE WITH OUR CONTRACTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!