



Farallon **PORTUGUESE WATER DOGS**



The Portuguese Water Dog is an exciting breed. They are wonderful companions, enthusiastic at play and work. They are very intelligent and have an earnest need to please. Of course, a “PWD” doesn’t just happen to develop these qualities by accident. You do have to raise them with consistent rules and boundaries and cultivate their natural talents and abilities. Some may take a little more work than others may but the rewards are well worth the effort. Their non-shedding hair, in many cases, is tolerated by people with allergies.

I strongly recommend reading the AKC breed standard as the beginning of your study of this or any breed. The standard refers to the PWD as “This highly intelligent utilitarian breed.” an indelible impression of strength, spirit, and soundness”

<http://www.pwdca.org/standard.html>

General description

Size - Males 20 to 23 inches (22 ideal). Females 17 to 21 (19 ideal).

Weight - Males 42 to 60 pounds; Females 35 to 50 pounds

Proportion-Off Square; slightly longer than tall

Substance - Strong substantial bone; solidly built, Muscular build

Temperament - spirited disposition, self willed, brave, very resistant to fatigue.

A dog of exceptional intelligence and loyalty. Obedient for whom it works.

Is a Portuguese Water Dog for you?

What kind of dog are you looking for? What is your vision of the ideal dog? If you dream of a dog to be curled at your feet sleeping never heard, only seen, to give attention to only when convenient. Then without a doubt you are NOT the person for a PWD!

The Portuguese Water Dog is fun loving, exuberant, and eager to explore and experience everything. It is the responsibility of the owner to guide and teach the puppy appropriate behavior, and to direct these talents in positive ways. This is not a dog that typically lies quietly at your feet; His head or entire body may be in your lap. He will paw at your newspaper (its very rude not to direct your full attention on him!). He may constantly bring things to you until he finds just the item, which you will toss for him or, that brings you completely to your feet. Then after he has you thoroughly worn out he’ll curl up and settle in (or move on to the next person).

When you have a puppy, it is very important to be consistent in rules you set. The puppy should only be exposed to new situations when you are able to be there to teach the puppy appropriate behavior and rules for that situation. If the puppy breaks a rule, or acts inappropriately, separate the puppy from the area or situation. (Time out) *How you raise your PWD and the habits you allow to develop will determine the kind of companion he will be. So if you do well, help him be good, you will have a happy well-adjusted pet.*

Searching for the right breeder

It is important for you to be comfortable with the breeder from whom you choose to get a dog. Ask questions, answer questions, educate yourself and ask the breeder to guide you to the right information. A conscientious breeder will know the background of the dogs he/she breeds and breeds to, not only one generation back but several. He/she will know the health status on the parent, and grandparents; dogs used in his/her breeding program will be; OFA certified clear of hip dysplasia, yearly CERF tested clear of eye disease, and DNA tested to know the PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) status to insure there is no chance producing a dog that will be affected. In addition, they will know what the GM-1 or storage disease status. This is only found in PWD's it is fatal to affected puppies. It only can occur when two carriers are bred. Carriers are rare. How are the puppies raised and socialized? What age do the puppies go to their homes? No sooner than 8 weeks.

The breeder should want to know if your life and home ready for a pet; do you have time to take care of pet? Do you have a fenced yard? A dog run? Will you crate train your puppy? How active is your family; how active do you expect your puppy to be? Will you be consistent with the rules you set for the puppy? Will you Obedience train? How much experience do you have with dogs? Are you interested in Showing or breeding? Are you only interested in a dog that you will spay/neuter? Do you need more information about showing and breeding to decide? We strive to a very strict standard of only breeding dogs with complete health testing. We do not breed dogs that do not pass OFA and CERF.

FARALLON PORTUGUESE WATER DOGS

"Farallon" is used in the AKC registration names of dogs, bred by and co-bred by Gail Browne-McDonald. My breeding program strives to maintain all the qualities these great dogs have: intelligence; personality; working ability; an eager to please, loving companion. Wanting to breed the best dogs possible I knew that I did not want to breed in a kennel environment. So, by placing dogs with breeding potential with people who would work with me to show and breed, each dog has its own family, the puppies are all born and raised in a home environment, only the best get bred. My PWD family currently consists of 4 full time family dogs "Tessa, Silver, Ru and Blue".

Procedure for Obtaining a FARALLON PWD

Our normal process is to take applications with deposits from people who intend to buy a puppy from us. If your application is accepted you are put in line for a puppy that meets your needs. By taking deposits ahead of time, we have time to evaluate the home and be certain the right puppy is placed in the right home. When the puppies arrive; they are evaluated from day one. As the puppies develop from birth to an age appropriate to go to a home (8 to 14 weeks), we watch, and observe, and aptitude test - so we know which puppy would be best for the family that swims a lot, or wants to do tracking or obedience competition; which home is suitable for the very active pup and which is suitable more laid-back puppy. As a breeder I believe it my responsibility to know there are homes ready and waiting before bringing a litter of puppies into the world. For the depositor they can feel confident that they are in line for a puppy and that years of experience will go into helping make sure they get the right puppy for them.

Occasionally if there is a large litter born some puppies may still be available and the wait may not be as long. Sometimes a puppy has been kept longer to determine its show/breeding possibilities; then this puppy may be available as a guaranteed show and breeding quality or sold as a pet.

Decide what you're looking for!

What physical characteristics like color/coat type, size, sex etc. are important to you? Is temperament the basic priority? Although the most important part in the dog's life is companionship would you or do you want to show or breed if your dog turned out to have qualities important to the PWD population? Do you want a pet that you would be required to neuter? On the other hand, would you consider trying to show, or hire a professional to show your dog, to get the championship if it turned out to have qualities vital to the breed? Would you be willing to then work with the breeder if the dog becomes a champion and passes health testing?

If you have decided to get a Farallon PWD puppy, a deposit (\$500-\$1,000) will put you in line for a puppy as you have described. If a puppy is not available 'as you have described' within the specified time as stated on your deposit form, the deposit is refundable. Alternatively, if a puppy comes available and you are not ready, the deposit can be extended to the next litter if you choose.

Puppies are evaluated for breeding/show potential at 8 weeks. The current price of a PWD puppy is \$2000-\$2500.

Sales agreements

Most reputable breeders use strict sales agreements. The length can range from a simple 2-page spay/neuter agreement to a lengthy 6-page show /breeding agreement. In most cases, it is long because the breeder is very protective and conscientious of where their puppies go and what kind of life the dog will have.

In most cases, when a dog with show and breeding potential is sold to a person without experience, the breeder(s) will remain on the AKC registration papers. The reason is that there is so much responsibility that goes along with researching, qualifying and planning a breeding that having an experienced breeder work with the beginner is the best way to protect the dog, its progeny, the bloodline and the PWD breed. The phrase "it takes a Village to raise a child" is also relative to PWD breeding. Once it is decided the dog will not or will no longer be bred, and it is spayed/neutered, the breeder signs off of the AKC papers. The term "Co Ownership" does not imply "Joint custody". It refers to the AKC registration papers listing the Primary owner (buyer) and the co-owner (usually the breeder). In our agreements it states. "Sellers' name will remain on AKC papers until it is mutually decided dog will not be used for breeding. This does not indicate any rights or responsibilities of the seller, other than as stated in this agreement".

Our agreements and basic terms are, and have been, used by many well-established, reputable breeders in many different breeds. Farallon uses a basic 2 two page sales agreement and, when appropriate, an additional 1 page breeding agreement.

Congratulations on finding such a wonderful breed! If I can offer any more assistance, please contact me.

Gail Browne-McDonald (650) 359-5505, email gail@silverdog.net

Application for Purchase of an Farallon PWD

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
_____ Email _____
Place of business _____ Title/position _____
Business address _____ Phone# _____
Fax # _____, Email address _____

Where did you first see or hear of PWDs? _____

How did you find Farallon? _____

What qualities most interest you in a PWD? _____

What other breed(s) have you had? _____ Did you Obedience train? _____

How often did you have professional grooming? _____

One of the great things about PWD's is their love of doing things for their people. We encourage people not just to train their dogs but also to celebrate and confirm their dog's abilities by putting titles on them. We prefer homes that will put the dog's intelligence and talents to use. What kind of activities/training most interests you?

_____ Obedience, _____ Water, _____ Agility, _____ Fly Ball, _____ Pet Assisted therapy work, _____ other .)

Would you be interested in putting working titles on your dog? _____

Have you ever shown or bred dogs? If so, what breeds? _____

CARING FOR THE DOG *(Please include photos of areas dog will spend time)*

Where do you plan for the *Puppy* to spend most of its time when you are not home

_____ and while you are home? _____ and as an adult. _____

Will your dog be around children? _____ what ages? _____ Do you have a dog run _____, fenced yard _____, how large _____, will you crate train your puppy? _____

What kind of a schedule is your household on Daily? Who will be responsible for feeding, exercise and grooming?

Farallon strives to produce the best quality PWD possible and to protect the breed in any way she can, this includes requiring all puppy buyers to have their dogs OFA evaluated and CERF eye tested regularly. If you buy a PWD you will also be taking up the struggle to protect the breed, not only by following the guidance of the breeder but also by joining The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America and following its code of ethics.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Coat type Curly___ Wavy___ no Pref.___ Color preference: _____

Sex: male___ female___ either___

Would you consider an improper coated puppy? _____
(This is a PWD with a coat like a lab – sheds like a “regular” dog)

Would you consider___ or prefer___ an older puppy_____ or adult?_____

Are there other characteristics you hope for? (i.e. Size, build, markings, or specific aptitude for swimming or tracking etc.)



You are looking for.... (check as many as may apply)

- * Pet only - to be spayed/neutered_____ * Guaranteed show/breeding - interested in definite show/breeding quality_____
- * Pet with show potential - not specifically interested in showing/breeding but if the dog turns to have exceptional qualities, important to the breeding program, will follow breeder’s guidance in having dog shown to attain championship and allow breeder to breed _____
- * Show prospect - will spay neuter if doesn't turn out or will have a professional handler show, if dog does turn out _____
- * Show prospect - will spay if doesn't turn out or will want to learn to show dog personally, if dog does turn out _____



Please list two personal references, one animal related if possible (vet, groomer, trainer Etc.)

Name_____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Address_____

Relationship_____ How long have you known_____

Name_____ Phone#_____ Email _____

Address_____

Relationship_____ How long have you known_____

If you have had a PWD previously please provide seller and breeders names and contact info. If you have another PWD currently, include Pedigree/health stats if not spayed or neutered.



DEPOSIT

A deposit is being made in the amount of \$_____ to show intent to purchase a dog as described. If Gail Browne-McDonald cannot provide a puppy as described or has not assisted in the purchase of a puppy as described within _____ months, this deposit will be refunded. However, if depositor/applicant changes their mind, buys a dog elsewhere, or has misrepresented themselves in anyway, Gail Browne McDonald reserves the right to deny a refund, in whole or in part.

Signed_____ Date_____

Return to: Gail Browne-McDonald 611 Rockaway Beach Avenue, Pacifica, CA 94044