

MONTICELLO PET HOSPITAL

CANINE REPRODUCTION GUIDELINES & AGREEMENT

Client Information

Name:	Phone #:
Address:	

To our valued breeding clients and those interested in breeding, our reproductive team has formulated a set of guidelines to better provide high quality and informed decision making about canine reproduction.

We are here to work as a team with breeders and value your input when making decisions with the goal of healthy puppies, moms, dads and future generations.

In an effort to start implementing these breeding guidelines as standard recommendations, a breeding agreement will be filled out, signed and brought to the initial breeding consult and each year after that.

We feel breeding is a privilege and an opportunity to better the breed and pass down respectable genetics and behaviors.

BREEDING CONSULTATION

- ❖ To provide full reproduction services, we will require a comprehensive exam performed by a Veterinarian at the Monticello Pet Hospital and client conversation about breeding soundness for the patient you intend to breed.
- ❖ We recommend our patients be in great health, appropriate age, health tested based on breed, up to date with routine care/prevention, and have appropriate temperament.
- ❖ We will not assist in breeding dogs under 18 months of age.
- ❖ We want to help you make educated decisions and be as successful as possible in your breeding endeavors.
- ❖ A breeding consult needs to be scheduled on a yearly basis to continue reproductive services with the Monticello Pet Hospital.

ROUTINE CARE/PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

It is important for both our breeding males and females to be kept in good health to promote a healthy pregnancy and healthy strong puppies.

Breeding dogs will be required to be current on the Rabies vaccine. We highly encourage breeding dogs be current on all vaccines, fecal exam, and annual heartworm test.

If this routine care is done at your primary veterinarian, please make sure records are sent to us and kept current before breeding or in season. Immunity from vaccinations for infectious disease and prevention medication of both ecto- and endo-parasites is crucial in maintaining a healthy breeding program.

HEALTH TESTING

We strongly encourage prior to breeding any animal, that they have their health testing/certifications as specified by their breed. *Please visit the OFA- Canine Health Information Center (ofa.org) or your specific breed club websites if you're unsure of the necessary requirements.*

We offer the following services: OFA hips, elbows, shoulders, patella, thyroid, and cardiac. We understand not all health testing is always black and white, and we reserve the right to decline reproductive services if there is concern for genetic or heritable disease (heart murmurs, hip dysplasia, heritable congenital defects, etc.) being passed to puppies.

BRUCELLOSIS TESTING

Brucella Canis (Brucellosis) is a zoonotic disease that is passed through bodily fluids and can cause reproductive issues, including abortions. Brucellosis can be spread to humans.

It is strongly encouraged that each breeding dog be tested for Brucella Canis (Brucellosis) prior to each breeding. This test is sent to an outside lab. Please allow up to 1 week for results. If this test is performed at your primary veterinary clinic, please make sure records are sent to us prior to any reproduction services needed for that breeding.

SEMEN COLLECTION

Semen collections are scheduled with a Veterinarian and includes a comprehensive evaluation of the semen; motility, morphology, and sperm count. The Veterinarian will go over results and give any recommendations needed based on results. For best results it is strongly encouraged to have a teaser accompany the stud for the collection.

SHIPPING OF FRESH CHILLED SEMEN

Monticello Pet Hospital offers shipping of fresh chilled semen across the USA and Canada. This service is available to studs that have a current breeding consult. The appointment is scheduled with a Veterinarian and includes sperm motility and count. The semen is then extended with Fresh Express Semen Extender, chilled and shipped via FedEx. For best results it is strongly encouraged to have a teaser accompany the stud for the collection.

OVULATION TIMING/PROGESTERONE MONITORING

Timing is everything when it comes to breeding. We would like to see your breeding female for a first progesterone & vaginal cytology appointment approximately 5-7 days after the first sign of heat (vulvar swelling &/or discharge). Please call us to get scheduled as soon as you notice these first signs. *Please note that this first progesterone visit is NOT the appropriate time to update vaccinations due to upcoming breeding.*

INSEMINATION

We offer 3 types of inseminations, which will be determined by you & the veterinarian during your breeding consult if natural breeding is not an option and/or semen needs to be shipped:

- ❖ Vaginal
- ❖ Transcervical
- ❖ Surgical

PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND CONFIRMATIONS

During this appointment the Veterinarian will complete an abdominal ultrasound around day 30 of pregnancy to confirm a viable pregnancy. We will not give a count of the number of puppies at this time.

RADIOGRAPH PUPPY COUNT

A 1-view radiograph of the abdomen will be performed around day 58 of pregnancy to determine the number of puppies to expect. This is not a diagnostic radiograph to look for defects or other medical conditions.

C-SECTIONS

Although whelping naturally is the best option sometimes an elective C-section is recommended. During the breeding consultation the Veterinarian will discuss with you whether a C-section is the best option for the female based on breed and/or previous medical concerns. Once we have confirmed pregnancy via ultrasound and an elective C-section was recommended the female will be placed on our surgical schedule.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY WHELPING SERVICES

When the following criteria are met this gives you access to us through our whelping after hours on-call services and support from a veterinarian 24/7 if any issues arise.

- ❖ Breeding consultation at least once a year.
- ❖ Ovulation timing.
- ❖ Ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy done by a veterinarian.
- ❖ Radiograph puppy count to ensure we have the proper number of staff members on call.

SUCCESS OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES

Breeding is never a guarantee. Our hopes are that if we provide all the testing/tools and your pet is healthy, you will have breeding success. We realize that sometimes pregnancy outcomes don't occur for no explainable reason. We will strive to help fertility success and when unsuccessful we will focus our efforts on getting you more answers or testing as to why.

DENIAL OF REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES

Please know that while reproductive services are offered, we do reserve the right to deny these services for patients that are not in great health, appropriate age, health tested based on breed, up to date with rabies vaccine and have appropriate temperament.

HELPFUL REPRODUCTIVE LINKS

American Kennel Club – <https://www.akc.org/>
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals – <https://www.ofa.org/> CHIC – Breed specific testing recommendations – <https://www.ofa.org/browse-by-breed>

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS:

- ❖ Must have a current breeding consult/annual exam (performed on a yearly basis by the Monticello Pet Hospital), be in a healthy body condition, and have no outstanding medical issues that are not well managed.

- ❖ Must be current on their Rabies vaccination. If performed at another veterinary clinic this will be provided to the Monticello Pet Hospital prior to any reproduction services are performed.
- ❖ Must have a temperament that permits an examination, blood draw, semen collection, or insemination without sedation and is not a risk to our staff or hospital equipment.
- ❖ Dogs with significant heart murmurs/disease will require cardiac evaluation by a Veterinary Cardiologist specifically stating the heart condition will not worsen with pregnancy or be at risk for heritable heart condition in offspring. If a heart murmur is newly diagnosed, two doctors will verify the murmur's significance.
- ❖ Health conditions that could worsen during pregnancy could include, but are not limited to: orthopedic conditions, skin issues, heart issues, breathing difficulties, etc.

IF YOU UNDERSTAND & AGREE TO THE CANINE REPRODUCTION GUIDELINES / AGREEMENT, PLEASE INITIAL & SIGN BELOW

_____ I have read and understand the Monticello Pet Hospital Canine Reproduction Guidelines.

_____ I have read the provided information and understand that the results of reproductive services have no guarantees of success due to multiple factors that can affect fertility.

_____ I understand that these services are offered at the discretion of our doctors/staff and can be denied anytime due to animal health issues/temperament.

_____ I understand that a mutual level of professionalism and respect is expected toward our staff and any disrespect toward a member of our team may result in termination of services provided by the Monticello Pet Hospital.

By signing below, I represent and warrant that: I am the owner of this pet or an authorized agent of the owner and am 18 years of age or older; that no assurances or guaranty has been made of the results of any procedure or treatment and the risks and probabilities of complications exist in any procedure or treatment. I voluntarily authorize the above procedures and treatments to be performed. I waive any claims against Monticello Pet Hospital arising from or related to the care, treatment or safekeeping of my animal described above or otherwise in connection therewith as I understand that I assume all risks. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement. I agree that all costs for services rendered are due and payable when the services are performed. I also acknowledge that any animal that is left unclaimed may be considered abandoned and will be handled by Monticello Pet Hospital as they see fit. I understand that abandoning my animal does not release me from paying Monticello Pet Hospital all costs of the animal's service. I represent and warrant that my signature on this form confirms that any questions I have regarding the procedures, treatment, recovery, potential complications, alternative courses of treatment and consequences if proposed assessment or treatment is refused have been answered by Monticello Pet Hospital to my satisfaction.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

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