GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING A MAMA DOG

Hosting a Mama Dog

● A fenced yard is preferred. An enclosed area, tie out or cable run to secure a dog as to not let the dog run free is acceptable.
● Must be willing to learn about and whelp litters of puppies.
● Live within 2 hours from PAWS Headquarters.
● Be willing to record whelping information, ie., times, weight of pups, etc.
● Keep accurate records of female’s “in seasons” dates and report to the Breeding Program Coordinator
● Read the whelping information packet provided and ask questions pertaining to any area not completely understood
● Accept the responsibility for the daily care, food, medical and legal issues of the dog. PAWS is responsible for all breeding and litter expenses.
● Provide transportation to and from breeding sessions if needed, also medical appointments and transportation of puppies to PAWS Headquarters when the puppies are approximately 7-8 weeks of age.
● Maintain all vaccinations and heartworm on a regular schedule, and forward updated information to the PAWS Veterinary Department, and the Breeding Program Coordinator.
● Maintain and monitor the weight of the dog to prevent excessive weight gain.
● Attend Foster Puppy classes and make the Mama Dog physically available to the Breeding Program Coordinator a minimum of 4 times per year for an ongoing evaluation.
● Enroll the dog in Basic Obedience classes during the first year of fostering, then maintain regular obedience training throughout the Fostering agreement of the Mama dog.