

Things to ask before you place a deposit...



1. Why should I choose Farmstead 51?

We believe that we raise the best Goldendoodles in the Midwest. Our breeding dogs are members of our family, have completed rigorous health testing, are obedience trained and are great examples of the specific breed. Our dogs live with us, inside our home, so we can pinpoint parental traits that are passed along to the puppies because we spend so much time with the parents and the puppies. We only breed F1 and F1B Goldendoodles because in these two generations all of the puppies in a litter are genetically identical. With this, we can confidently give information to Farmstead 51 families about the coat, size and temperament of a puppy they are choosing to take home. We spend 24 hours a day- 7 days a week with our newborn puppies in our custom whelping room and Puppy Nursery. Our puppies are highly socialized, litter-box trained, and all medical care is completed by our vet team. Our goal is to help you find not just a dog but your next family member, a family member that will be with you for the next 10 years of your and your children's lives. We love helping people become Farmstead 51 families!

2. Are the puppies AKC Registered?

All Golden Retriever and Poodle parents are AKC registered with full breeding rights. Goldendoodles are not currently registerable with AKC (American Kennel Club) but we hear that's not too far away.

3. What health testing have the parents completed?

All breeding males and females have successfully completed genetic testing for all common breed-specific diseases as well as orthopedic testing for hips. There are additional breed specific orthopedic tests that are completed and passed including elbows, hearts, and eyes. We breed for temperament, size and color in that order.

4. Do you own both the parents and how many do you have?

We currently have 4 Standard Poodles (Teddy, Wynona, Opal, Phoebe), 4 Golden Retrievers (Flossy, Ouiser, Ursula, Charlie), 2 Goldendoodles (Max, Josie) and 1 Old English Sheepdog, Winston. All are intact and part of our breeding program. We do use Charlie and Teddy for stud services to other approved females and occasionally will use another stud dog for breeding. All the dogs live inside with us but spend lots of time outside on our 7 acres. They are socialized to children, busy places and often travel with us on vacation. They are sporty, active dogs but also enjoy napping in a sunny spot on the living room floor. Several of our adult dogs are registered therapy dogs or are working toward completing that training. Winston and Max live with our friends but are regularly at our home with our F51 herd.

5. What generations and sizes of Goldendoodles do you raise?

We only raise F1 and F1B Standard and Royal sized Goldendoodles. Our Standards weigh between 50-70 pounds as adults with the males on the larger end of the scale. Our Royals weigh between 70-90 pounds again with the males being larger.

6. What color are your puppies?

It just depends on the parents color and background genetics. Colors can range from solid light tan to solid red and solid black and some fading colors as well.

7. Where are your puppies born and raised?

All of our puppies are born in a dedicated area of our home. We have transformed our finished basement into a whelping room, nursery area, kitchen, laundry and bathroom. When we have puppies, we are in this space 24/7 so it's comfortable for us as well as the moms and puppies. This area is highly cleanable and is cleaned and sanitized daily.

8. Do your puppies shed?

All dogs shed, some just more than others. The F1 will shed very little and the less curly the hair the more shedding can occur. The F1B will shed very very little and is most desirable for families with allergy concerns. Grooming and coat maintenance are very important for either generation. Daily brushing all the way to the skin will help prevent matting and keep your dogs coat shiny and healthy. Professional grooming every 4-8 weeks is preferred.

9. How old are the puppies when they go home?

The puppies can go home with families at 8 weeks of age. The first weeks of life are spent in the whelping box with Mom where she feeds and cleans them. When the puppies turn 3.5-4 weeks old, we start weaning them from Mom, start them on softened puppy food and start litter box training. They also move to the Puppy Nursery where we begin to socialize them to new sight, sounds, smells and textures. After the puppies turn 6 weeks old, you can visit Farmstead 51 during the designated Puppy Play Day to see the puppies and start to narrow down your list of possible puppies. Selections occur at 7 weeks of age. Many of our puppies go on to our Angus' Academy program to get a head start on the important lessons of living with a family.

10. Are the puppies seen by a vet and receive any shots/worming?

Yes, the puppies will be seen at least three times by our vet team at Blue Springs Animal Hospital. At 2 days old, they visit the animal hospital to have dew claws removed and receive a general check-up. At 4 weeks of age, they receive initial vaccinations and deworming. At 6.5 weeks of age, they receive a second round of vaccinations, deworming and are microchipped. They will need a 3rd round of puppy vaccinations and Rabies vaccination as well as other prophylactic vaccinations after they go home with you. They will also need to be spayed/neutered per your veterinarians recommendation.

11. How will I know when you have puppies?

If you've already placed your deposit, we'll keep you informed by email every step of the way. If you haven't placed a deposit, keep checking Facebook and at our website www.farmstead51.com for the latest news about past, current and upcoming litters.

12. How can I get on a deposit list?

Your \$250 deposit will be applied to our general waiting list and then as litters are opened you will be consulted and moved to a specific litter. Your deposit is non-refundable but is transferrable to another litter per your request. We maintain our waiting list in the date order that deposits are received. Contact us by phone 816-820-1683, email farmstead51@gmail.com, Instagram or Facebook DM.

13. How long will I have to wait for a puppy?

While we can't control Mother's Nature's timing, we do have a pretty good idea of when each female will be ready to breed and we have a planned breeding schedule for the next several years. Females only have breeding cycles 1-2 times per year so we only have puppies from that female 1-2 times per year. From the time a pair breeds, your puppy would go home 4 months later. Pregnancy lasts 9 weeks and then the puppies stay with us for 8 weeks. Patience is the best policy!

Don't hesitate to ask additional questions. We are always available to help you!

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