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Eurasia's advices prior to adopt a puppy...

The age at which the puppy goes to its new home is best left to the breeder who, if you've chosen correctly, is expert enough to know the proper time for it to leave and make the best adjustment to a new home. In dog's behavior development, seven weeks is the week of the attachment to the pack (*family*). To increase the bond to the new family, I generally suggest to people to adopt their new puppy at that age.



Finnish Lapphund 7 weeks puppy

People who adopt a puppy have to be aware that between 8 and 10 weeks of age, there is a fear period in the normal puppy's development. Every new things (*long car trip, flight, change of home, etc*) , every new experience can be much more stressful for the puppy and may also create phobia. If puppies can't go in their new family at 7 weeks of age, it is best to wait at 11 weeks to adopt it. But at that age, if you choose a breeder who did not properly socialize the puppy; you will have to deal with future behavior problems all its life. Older is the puppy, more behavior expert the breeder needs to be!

For years I let my puppies go in their new family at 7 weeks of age. Because some people did not properly reacted with their puppy during the adverse fear period from 8 to 10 weeks of age; I changed my politic and let my puppies go only at 11 weeks. This give me the opportunity to work more to well establish their first socialization.



Finnish Lapphund puppies visiting the pet therapy department. They met ferrets, rabbits, parrots and cats.

Some breeders I know don't let visitors petting puppies or even seeing them before their first vaccination. Too many breeders I know don't go outside home in different environments with their puppies to well socialize them. They are afraid about parvovirus jumping on their puppies! It is true... If puppies go « outside », they can be sick... But if they don't, they will be mentally sick for sure. Lack of socialization is the most common sickness and the biggest cause of dog behavior problems.

The difference between these breeders and *Eurasia* is : *I go in different environment with my puppies and all visitors are welcome to pet the puppies from birth until they go in their new family!*



Olivier & a 6 weeks Eurasier puppy.

We, as a family, invest lots of time, money and love in our puppies and adults. As a dog trainer, I know the importance of the early socialization and my goal is to produce only good temperament dogs. It is fully natural for me and my family to put the puppies into our life and do our best to well socialize them.

I visit friends and family members with my puppies as early as 3 weeks old! I also introduce the puppies to many stimulating surfaces, sounds and objects. As a family, we all invest lots of time to do that work. Only one of my litters was less stimulated / socialized because they had parvovirus at 6 weeks of age. With parvo, I was not able to go outside with them. It was the Eurasier litter « F ». Even that, I earned the reputation to sell well socialized outgoing puppies that are easy to housetrain and educate.

At the age of 3 1/2 weeks, all puppies begin to go outside 2 to 4 times a day (*gradually*) to do pees and poops. They have toys and accessories to help their socialization. Puppies meet different dogs, cats and other pets. They have regular interaction with other humans including children.



Eurasiers : Luna Nueva Shaggy v Eurasia & Lucky Loki v Eurasia

When I go in a dog show, my dogs need to be well socialized. If not, they will be afraid by every thing and they will go back in front of the judges. Even the breed is reserved with strangers; judges need to be able to examine the dogs (*shoulder and hips angulations, testicles, skull and teeth*). A dog who was well socialized and who received basic education will be a good show dog and pet. I don't only work for me. I work also for your benefit to well socialize all the puppies.

As a breeder, I take time to understand your perspectives, goals and real needs. I invested a great deal of time to learn and I constantly want to improve and preserve the quality of the breed. I never stopped studies. The dog is not a plush toy... It's a companion with its own behavior, personality and needs.

When I refer to a show quality puppy, I am saying that in my judgment, this puppy possess the qualities and attributes needed to succeed as a show dog. On the other hand, when I refer to a pet quality puppy, I'm saying that this particular puppy lacks at least one of the attributes needed to do well in the show ring, according to the breed standard or its own temperament. These have nothing to do with the dog's health, behavior or ability to be a loyal and loving companion.

I want people who buy one of my puppy be treated like I want to be treated. So I will always do my best to help you and respect our contract. It is not in my interest to sell bad puppies or to not respect the contract.

A family kennel is by definition, a place where dogs live and have access to the breeder's house as family members. In a family kennel, puppies born and are raise inside home. *Eurasia* is a family kennel.



Halloween 2006, kids had great fun with dogs!

I always enjoy receiving photos of my puppies in their new home or having the family and the pup visiting me. Sometimes I have older dogs, either retired from our breeding program (*really rare*) or brought back because of a change in the owner's life. It's possible to acquire an older dog that still has much love to share. It will be housetrained (*although it should be treated like a puppy when it arrives in its new home until it was adjusted*), will certainly be well socialized and deserved to be loved. Older dogs are usually spayed or neutered before placement. If not, I ask for it.

If you have any more questions, please feel free to email me or call me.

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