

## Things to Know Before Buying a Sighthound Puppy

Deciding to buy a sighthound puppy means taking on a lot of responsibilities. The health, upbringing, and well-being of this sensitive, loving creature will depend on you. It's wise to spend some time understanding the motives that drive you to become a sighthound owner before making a final decision.

Ask yourself a few questions:

- Whose idea was it to buy a sighthound puppy? Yours?
- Why did you decide to buy a sighthound puppy?
- When you were growing up, did you have the opportunity to care for a dog, and was it a joy or a burden for you?
- Whose puppy will it be?
- Will your enthusiasm turn into a chore?
- Does everyone in the family want a dog?

We usually say that a dog belongs to the person who feeds it. Who will take on the responsibility of training the sighthound puppy and cleaning up after it? Sometimes, having a puppy in the house only adds extra work for the mom. Where will the puppy eat? Where will it sleep?

Financial considerations are also important. Raising, feeding, vaccinating, and treating a sighthound puppy (you may need to visit the vet more often in the first year than you'd like) all require money. Can you allocate a part of the family budget for the dog?

A sighthound is a small hound, a very cheerful, joyful, and very active creature. Are you ready to spend a lot of time with the sighthound puppy, taking long walks and providing opportunities for it to move and play as much as it needs to? It's very important to understand what the puppy needs before it arrives at your home. Address these and other questions before bringing home this little bundle of silk.

Before buying a sighthound puppy, we strongly recommend reading our articles "The Sighthound Puppy in Your Home," "How to Make Your Sighthound Puppy Obedient," and "Potty Training Your Sighthound Puppy." If you have children, read the article "The Child and the Sighthound"! This will help you understand what to expect and assess your capabilities.

Show Dog or Family Pet? If you want your sighthound to have a show career, buy the best sighthound you can afford from a breeder or club you trust. A dog with show potential is much more expensive from the start. Additionally, special training and participation in shows will require considerable time and money. If you plan to keep the dog as a family pet or "pet-class," remember that even in this case, the sighthound needs the same care, vaccinations, and treatment as all highly promising dogs. It often happens that people who buy a sighthound "for themselves, for the home" suddenly decide after a few months that it is the most beautiful and best dog, and they want to show it and have puppies from it. Disappointment in such cases is inevitable. Cinderella stories in dog breeding are as unlikely as in human life. The best answer to such questions is to call and talk to the breeder. They can help clarify technical points better than anyone else.

Some sighthounds go through an "ugly duckling" stage during growth when some parts of the puppy's body seem disproportionate. A good time to choose a puppy is between 6 to 8 weeks of age. Puppies that are harmoniously built at this age usually remain so later. But, in any case, you should trust the breeder's advice because every breeding line has its peculiarities.

If you have carefully considered everything and still decide to connect your life with these wonderful creatures, you can buy a sighthound puppy from us by familiarizing yourself with the conditions for reserving and purchasing puppies.

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