



Buying a Puppy Vs Infant – What’s right for me?

It’s unusual to be offered a choice when you buy a puppy, do you want a baby or infant.

Here at Coots we have both available to perfect loving homes.

But what are the pro’s and con’s of each?

For many it’s the journey that we provide at Coots that people aspire to having and so a puppy aged 8 – 12 weeks old is the preferred choice. We involve Pawrents sometimes as early as when one of our girls come into season right through to collecting your puppy. It’s this journey which includes the confirmation of pregnancy, the birth, daily photos and videos, sharing all major milestones, that for so many is priceless. It’s true to say that you become part of the Coots extended family. But of course, it’s not without stress and worry when you first bring your puppy home. Sometimes separation anxiety and toilet training is demanding for Pawrents and the settling in baby stage is tiring and time consuming. Caring for such a young puppy can be worrying. Of course we prepare your puppy for his or her family life and they will have completed a socialisation course before leaving but you do have to be prepared for a couple of sleepless nights! We think that’s part of the fun!

Buying an infant, so a puppy that is 6 months old, is often an easier transition into your family home. A 6 month old puppy is more mature and is no longer dependant on his or her siblings.

He or she is already crate trained, knows to go outside to do his or her business and is also fully vaccinated and so is ready to take on the world. You can immediately enjoy walks and explore the world together without having to wait for vaccinations and build up to being able to walk a distance.

An interesting point to note is that any unknown health issues typically presents themselves before a puppy is 6 months old. If you buy an infant it has passed this more vulnerable time. Of course, all Coots puppies have comprehensive veterinary health checks. Infants that are 6 months old will have had two checks, one at 8 weeks and another at 5 months of age.

Also, at 6 months old you are in no doubt about the appearance of your Dachshund as he or she has developed their adult features and will only have a small amount of growing left to do. This is particularly helpful if you are planning on taking your dog to Professional Competitions.

We are happy to chat about your personal circumstances and to advise which option is right for you and your family and we hope that this information has been helpful.

Whatever age you decide is right for you, be assured that all Coots Puppies are happy, confident puppies ready to become part of your family.