



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

It's quite rare to be presented with the option of choosing between a puppy or an infant when looking for a dachshund puppy to join your family. At Coots at Eversden, we offer both options to families that can offer loving homes.

But what are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

For many, the journey provided at Coots at Eversden is a key reason for choosing a 12-week-old puppy. We often involve Pawrents as soon as one of our girls comes into season, right through to the day you collect your puppy. This journey includes pregnancy confirmation, the birth, daily photos and videos, and sharing all the major milestones, making it a priceless experience for many. Joining the Coots at Eversden extended family is truly special. However, bringing a new puppy home does come with its own stresses and worries. Separation anxiety and potty training can be challenging for Pawrents, and the early settling-in phase can be exhausting and time-consuming. Caring for a young puppy can indeed be worrisome. While we prepare your puppy for family life and ensure they complete a socialisation course before leaving, you should be ready for a few sleepless nights! We believe that's all part of the adventure!

On the other hand, adopting an older puppy can facilitate an easier transition into your home. A 5-6 month old puppy is more mature and has become independent from his or her siblings. They are typically crate trained, understand to go outside for their business, and are fully vaccinated, making them ready to explore the world. You can enjoy walks and adventures together without waiting for vaccinations or gradually building up to longer distances.

It's interesting to note that any potential health issues usually surface before a puppy reaches six months of age. By choosing an infant, you bypass this more vulnerable stage. All puppies from Coots at Eversden undergo thorough veterinary health checks. Infants aged six months will have had two veterinary check-ups: one at 12 weeks and another at five months.

Additionally, by six months, you can see your Dachshund's adult features, providing clarity about their appearance and minimizing any surprises as they grow. This is especially beneficial if you plan to enter your dog in Professional Competitions.

We are more than happy to discuss your unique situation and help guide you toward the best option for you and your family. We hope this information proves helpful.

No matter which age you decide is best for you, rest assured that all Coots at Eversden puppies are happy, confident companions eager to become part of your family.