

Why does a dachshund cost so much?

So, you want a purebred puppy, but you don't want to spend \$800-\$3,000?...

Let's break this down -as breeders we spend countless hours with our puppies beginning with making sure momma is healthy ahead of time to making sure she is fed right during her pregnancy- this includes extra food and puppy food to boost vitamins and minerals while pregnant.

We are there for each puppy as they are born in case something goes wrong- sometimes this means a marathon night with zero sleep if Mom goes into labor in the evening and continues delivery throughout the night - we hand-deliver each puppy, weigh and record every puppy as it is born.

Then there is puppy rotation every couple of hours, listening to every squeak and squeal in case someone gets squished or is not getting enough to eat, this is 24/7. Very early desensitization having their feet, ears, tummies rubbed on begins immediately, then at about 3 weeks old exposing them to every day sounds like pots and pans, the vacuum, the sound and feel of clippers, and toenail clippers, walking on all types of surfaces.

Then starts the cleanup stage... Cleaning up poop and pee multiple times a day, an overwhelming amount of laundry which also means extra detergent, sanitizing supplies and cleaners. And let's not forget the wear and tear on the washer and dryer 😊

We deworm at appropriate ages- multiple doses of dewormer for Mom and puppies at 2, 4, 6 and 8 weeks and then we vaccinate.

Somewhere in between all of that we managed to take care of our own families and other animals. We are on a working ranch with horses and cattle. In addition to our family at home we manage to work with and help extended family in both Arkansas and Texas.

And in between all of that I try to do extra pictures, videos and chats with my puppy families and answer questions multiple times a day leading to multiple hours in a week.

We keep our puppies until they are 8-12 weeks old as well buying several bags of puppy food and my puppies are started on a premium puppy food and still the never-ending cleaning supplies as well as bedding.

Between 6 and 7 weeks the entire litter is taken to the vet, where they are completely checked over, first shots etc.- of course the vet is not free.

If i were to charge an hourly minimum wage fee for 24/7 care for the minimum of 8 weeks ****NOT INCLUDING**** if momma needed a c-section or other vet care, the cost of food, bedding, wormer, shots, toys, etc. each puppy would be approx. \$10,080.... (8 weeks x 7 days @ 24 hours a day x 7.50 per hour is \$10,080).

Be sure and look at how we care for our puppies - are you purchasing from a breeder who puts this much time and money into your puppy or you are purchasing a cheap puppy that someone has bred in the backyard and dumped food to because two dogs had the ability to breed or because they just think puppies are cute and they want to make a little extra side money.

Before you complain about what breeders charge and tell them it's too much, please think about what you were paying for and what we have put into it for you and to ensure that our puppies are happy and healthy, not to earn a living from it but because we love them.