

Von Duewer Haus

Saints for Families

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DEAR NEW OWNER

We'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about ourselves, and hope to earn your confidence in the quality of our dogs. We began raising Saints on our farm when our 2 sons were very young – ages 2 and 4. We continue raising this exceptional breed today, almost 3 decades later. And although we raise and purchase only the best breeding stock possible, from internationally recognized show kennels, we still choose not to show our dogs. Instead, we are merely content to enjoy the companionship and antics of our beloved Saints around the home farm, as well as enjoy experiencing the fun each new litter brings. Our experience is based on the knowledge and professionalism required by our livelihood as livestock producers of hogs, cattle, and show horses. The standards developed and utilized in raising livestock for over 100 years on our family farm has come at a price of sweat, determination, and a desire to improve. These are the standards by which we raise our dogs as well. We hope you'll agree that we are producing some of the finest St. Bernards to be found anywhere.

OUR FARM - OUR HOME - OUR DOGS

Our primary goal at von Duewer Haus is to breed healthy St. Bernard dogs, with a safe and sound, reliable temperament. It is not one of our goals to breed oversized, unhealthy dogs. Our females range from 130 to 150 pounds, and our males range from 160 to 180 pounds. When selling our Saints, we do not distinguish between pets and show quality puppies, (except for a puppy that doesn't follow the breed standard). Although there are many good indicators, no one can tell or guarantee at eight weeks of age how a puppy will look as it matures.

All of our puppies come fully papered with AKC registration, but with restricted breeding rights. (We do this in an effort to reduce irresponsible breeding, as well as the number of St. Bernards ending up in shelters and rescues.) We will consider granting full breeding rights on a case-by-case basis. To be considered for a puppy with full registration, please understand we must request from you a bit more about yourselves. We ask you to please submit a reference from your veterinarian, and a brief summary of your past experiences with breeding (if applicable), and future goals in regards to breeding the Saint Bernard.

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SPAY/NEUTER CONTRACT & AGREEMENT

We at Von Duewer Haus concern ourselves with selling our puppies to serious, responsible dog owners. We try to find each of our dogs a lifelong home with their new family. We look for commitment and reliability in our extended family homes, and hope the dog will not be ignored after the "cuteness" and novelty wears off. In an effort to support responsible dog ownership and reduce unwanted pregnancies, we do require our new puppy owners to agree to spay/neuter their puppy, but not before the age of 24 months. We believe it to be in the best interest of the health of a growing youngster not to eliminate natural hormone production prior to then.

SHIPPING YOUR PUPPY TO YOU

In the event you are unable to come to our farm to pick up your new puppy, we do offer to arrange for shipping the puppy to you. Fees for this will vary depending upon the choice of shipping method, whether it be via airlines or pettransporters, or other means. All shipping fees must be paid before the puppy leaves the farm.

IN CONCLUSION

WE HOPE this information has been helpful to you in your search for the right breed of dog. There is no question that the St. Bernard is an exceptional and loving dog, as long as it is treated with respect and given proper care. We want you to be aware of the care and training involved with this particularly large dog. WE VERY STRONGLY SUGGEST AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN A PUPPY OBEDIENCE CLASS. IT IS HERE THAT DOGS CAN LEARN MANNERS, AND OWNERS SHOULD LEARN HOW TO TEACH THEM! IT IS AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIALIZING YOUR NEW PUPPY, AND TEACHING IT THE BEHAVIOR EXPECTED OF IT. We want you to be willing to be a responsible owner prior to making such a decision to purchase one of our puppies. We are very devoted to our dogs, and we put an enormous amount of care in the breeding and developing our puppies. We can only hope for their new owners to share the same devotion to this breed and to their new puppy as we do.