In the United States, whippet puppies range from about \$1500 to \$3500, higher in some geographic areas and a bit lower in others. Our whippets are \$2000.

There's no difference in our price between pet and show, male and female. All of them have received the same care and attention, regardless of their potential as show or performance dogs and they are all equally precious to us! (See our sections On Raising Puppies and On Selling Puppies

) We don't actively look for show homes, and actually prefer pet homes. Our focus is on producing beautiful,

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whippets with the best health and temperaments we can. If you're interested in showing or other activities, we're delighted to help. We spend a great deal of time in "owner support" and are happy to help solve any problems you have with your new puppy.

Most breeders aren't wealthy, so though breeding is a hobby, most of us have to at least recoup the costs of raising a litter. Those costs vary too, depending on veterinary prices in the area, how much the breeder spends on health testing and care for the puppies, whether there is a c-section or sick puppies involved, and on and on. (We recently had a litter that involved a \$1500 section and a puppy who required \$3000 in medical care and surgery. And this on top of the usual litter expenses!) Another consideration is the cost of yearly health testing for genetic problems which we do on all of our breeding dogs. These costs continually rise as veterinarians have to raise their prices (and specialist clinics are several decimal points more expensive than regular vets), but for example a "good" price for an annual echocardiogram to check for heart defects is \$500.

Here's a <u>rundown on what goes into a typical</u> <u>Timbreblue</u> <u>litter and what you take home</u> when you buy a puppy from us

Briefly, our price reflects the costs of breeding, raising the litter, veterinary expenses, and annual genetic health screening for our dogs. Those include cardiac (echocardiogram), hearing, and vision testing by veterinarians certified in those specialties, as well as thyroid screening and thorough pre-breeding exams with bloodwork and tests for brucellosis (a serious disease which is usually spread by sexual contact).

If the male we want to use for a particular breeding has not had these tests and his owner can't or won't have the testing done, we pick him up, take him to the vet school and pay for the tests ourselves. Sometimes that means we pay for tests for a dog we don't end up using because he doesn't pass the screening, but that's okay. This is important enough to us that we're willing to take that risk.

Our primary goal in breeding is to preserve the genetic health and sound temperaments this breed is known for, and we do everything in our power to insure our puppies' health. Each puppy receives a thorough veterinary exam before leaving us, and we have a 100% refund guarantee for 30 days after purchase.

Rebates!

Whippets who do things with their owners bond more closely and make better pets. To encourage new owners to get involved with their pups, we offer the following rebates. We'd love to eventually refund your entire purchase price!

Puppy kindergarten \$25

STAR Puppy \$25

Canine Good Citizen \$25

Obedience class \$25 each course

Therapy dog certification \$25

Agility or flyball class \$25 each course

Agility titles \$50 each title
Coursing or racing titles \$50 each title
Rally titles \$25 each title
AKC/UKC Obedience title \$100
*UKC conformation champion \$25
*UKC conformation grand champion \$100
*AKC conformation CH \$100
*Neutered or spayed whippets are not eligible to compete in conformation competition. They are fully eligible for all other titles.