

The time has come!
Puppy pick up is Just Around The Corner!!

Puppy contracts and invoices will be sent out via DocuSign for electronic signatures soon. Please take some time and review the contracts. Please let me know if you have any questions prior to signing the contracts. Please sign the puppy contract as soon as you are comfortable with the contract. We would love to have all contracts signed ahead of time so that there is less to do on puppy go home day. Especially with puppy go home day being COVID19 style.

As soon as we know which puppy you are taking, we will sign our portion of the contract and enter the microchip number to the contract as well. Once both of us have signed the contract with the correct microchip information, DocuSign will email both of us a fully executed contract in a PDF format. It's super easy!

Our Address Is:

Address and directions 5605 NE 179th Street Vancouver, WA 98686

Our new home is easy to find! If you are coming from I-5 you will take exit 9. Exit 9 is the Clark County Fairground Exit, Ridgefield. Head east and drive 2.2 miles. Our home is on the right. We just painted the mailbox RED so it would be easier to find us. The gate at the front will be open and we will be ready!

I am totally re-writing all of our documents these days to accommodate a safe puppy pickup for everyone. Please know that normally puppy pickups are fun and entertaining and a moment you and your family will remember forever. We are doing our best to keep the fun level there and make each family feel special with their puppy pickups. I think one of the most difficult parts of this for me is the lack of personal bonding. There is so much love and attention that goes into each puppy that goes home. Family style puppy pickup for us is kind of like the icing on the top. Getting to spend the time with the families and answer questions and just getting to take the time to get to know everyone is a really important part of this process for us. So, moving to a drive-by puppy pick up is just pulling at my heart strings.

Puppy Pickup COVID19 style:

We normally have a 60-90-minute new puppy orientation in our living room with all families present at one time. With COVID19 that simply is not possible at this time. So, we've created a PDF file for everyone to review. I am asking that you make sure you have the time to go through this documentation before you pick up the puppy. I am also asking that you PLEASE take the time to read this documentation thoroughly before you email me with any questions. When you start to read through this information please take notes. If you have any questions, I want to answer them for you. The puppy orientation PDF will

cover everything that we normally cover at the puppy orientation in our home – minus any questions that come up from families. I've tried to include as much as I can think of.

We ask that while you are here if you pick up a puppy please be CAREFUL!! We had a visitor last summer that was standing on concrete holding a puppy and the puppy wiggled and caught them by surprise and landed on his head and got a trip to the ER. Children need to be sitting on the ground if they want to hold the puppies. It's just too dangerous. Puppies wiggle way too much. I'm happy to work with your children to teach them the proper way to hold a puppy so that they are more confident and aware of the potential dangers involved with having a puppy leap out of their arms.

Puppy Allocation:

We have never allocated puppies to families before. Many breeders do this on a regular basis. This is just not something we've done before. So, we are going to ask a few questions. Please be as detailed as you can and give us as much information as you feel we need to help pick your future puppy. The puppies are going to be evaluated by a structural specialist once they are +/- 3 days of 8 weeks old. At that time, we will know who we are holding back for breeding and who are going to be available for families & or therapy/service dogs. We will take photos a few days before puppies are to go home and then I will reach out to each family on a personal level. Puppy allocation will still happen in the order in which deposits have been received. This is a great litter so I'm pretty confident that everyone will be happy with the outcome. We will try to do our best to place these puppies as we feel they will be best suited for your family.

I NEVER want a family leaving feeling like they got the left-over puppies. There is NO SUCH THING in our home as a LEFT-OVER puppy. All of these puppies are beautiful and just a bundle of love. All of these puppies will have an opinion of you as well as I'm sure you will of them too.

We have now been doing COVID style pick up since, March. It's actually going a lot better than I thought it was going to go. I think I actually like certain aspects of it better than our previous method of puppy pickups. It still makes me nervous picking puppies for families. But I feel fairly confident that we know these puppies really well by the time they've been here for 8 weeks. And so far, it's just worked out super! I do think that the personal time we get with each family has improved over having group pickups...so that part I'm thrilled with.

If we have puppy allocation completed prior to puppies going home then I am asking that everyone take two minutes and register your puppies microchip prior to picking up the puppy. I am still trying to get people to register their pups microchip from 5 years ago! Microchips are an important part of this process. No need to microchip them if they aren't going to be registered to you. A microchip is one of those things that you are not going to think twice about until a situation comes up and you NEED it!

Please visit <https://www.akcreunite.org>. This is IMPORTANT. For some reason people have not been registering their microchip and to me this is really dangerous. Reunite has my contact information on file. So, they will always be able to reach me, but I may not live so close to you and if your puppy gets lost you want to be reunited with your pup as soon as possible. So, we are now asking that while I'm filling out the microchip information and signing the contract that you are pulling up on your phone and registering your puppies microchip number with your contact information. You will need a credit card to complete this process. AKC Reunite charges a one-time registration fee. I will provide the microchip number to you before

We will have Trupanion Insurance binders ready for you. You are receiving 1 month of free pet insurance for you puppy. In order to take advantage of the 30 day free trial for insurance with Trupanion you must call in and register your puppy within 24 hours of puppy pick up. We always recommend that everyone register your puppy before you leave our house. That way you do not get busy and forget to do so. I highly recommend that everyone keep pet insurance for at least the first year. During your first year you will be getting immunizations and several vet visits through this process. Not to mention you will also need a spay or a neuter somewhere between 6-9 months depending upon the restrictions that we are dealing with. Most ER visits are with puppies. The eat stuff... and until you are trained to keep everything picked up and out of reach, I would keep insurance 😊 Not to mention Parvo if your puppy gets Parvo you will want insurance. Parvo usually only happens when they are puppies and not fully vaccinated. A client of ours in California, their puppy caught Distemper. Sadly, the puppy died. But Trupanion covered all the vet bills except the deductible.

We hope you enjoy puppy pick up day. Puppy pick up day is so much fun! It makes what we do the best part. Through our puppies we've had the opportunity to meet so many families that we would have never had the opportunity to meet. Have fun and enjoy the puppy time and welcome to the Moonlit Acres family!

Pick up time on 9/25/20 – puppy pick up times will be updated at a later date.

Important information. Your puppy will have a custom collar... Puppy collars are difficult to buy without your puppy being with you. So, we have custom collars made for each baby that goes home. They come in a variety of colors and will be customized. Super cute!

We went to Super Zoo in Vegas in 2019. It is one of the largest pet conventions in the US for pet supplies. And we have lots of stuff available. We have everything from plush/chew toys, food bowls, dog beds available for purchase. We carry Skudo kennels in 3 sizes; 27", 32" & 36". A 27" kennel should work for a mini pup for their entire life. 32" for a medium and 36" for a Golden Retriever. If you would like to purchase a kennel, please let me know as we may need to order additional kennels prior to puppy go home day. I really like these kennels. They are hard-sided plastic with quality latches. We also have options of wheels (Which I LOVE) I can scoot my potty-training puppies all over my house and I can also take them into the vet on wheels. Such a nice option to have.



TRAVELING with puppy in airplane cabin: If you are traveling in on plane, we have puppy luggage carriers here. We just purchased a large quantity of dog bag carriers. In the past I've spent a lot of time trying to help families find the right dog carrier for their plane ride home. We are working to make this process much easier on everyone... plus if we provide the carrier, we can have our mama dog snuggle with the liner that goes on the bottom of the carrier floor, before she goes home. We have carriers available starting at \$64. They are super nice carriers and come in a variety of colors and designer fabrics. Each carrier has three openings with mesh for breathability. Some have shoulder straps; some can be a backpack and others strap onto your luggage. All of them have safety straps on the inside which I LOVE. If you need a bag just let me know.

We have soft toys and chew toys... we have ordered a TONS of toys. I ordered toys that I know our puppies would enjoy playing with. A lot of the toys that we ordered are toys that have arms and legs and will be great for playing tug of war with. Lots of chew toys!

Dog bowls: we just found a local vendor in PDX that makes portable food bowls so if any of you hikers are going to need a collapsible bowl, we have them. They are great for the car too. We also found a company that was from Australia, that has food bowls that have a prickly bottom to it. It is designed to help scrape bacteria off of your dog's tongue! They come in orange and green. With us having Golden Retrievers we also got some slow feeder bowls and some "licky mats". The Licky Mats help keep your dog occupied if have to leave.

COVID19 forced us to throw together an online store. We have literally everything you will need to take a puppy home. Any stuffed animals that you buy we will have the puppy's mama snuggle with before she leaves. All orders will be ready for pickup on the day of puppy pickup. Here is the site: <https://www.moonlitacres.com/shop> As we get new items we will add them to the site. **When you are ordering PLEASE make add a note of which litter you are getting a puppy from. THANK YOU!**

Really quick note on kenneling and separation anxiety. By week 8 we will have been kenneling the puppies 2 times a day for at least 7-10 days . When you take your puppy home the first three nights are always the most difficult. If you get nothing else from our online store, I would recommend getting a **Snuggle Puppy**. If you preorder a snuggle puppy, we will have mama snuggle with the toy before she goes home. These Snuggle Puppies have a battery-operated heartbeat and heating pads that go inside. The puppy's moms usually go home when the puppies reach 7 weeks of age. And then at 8 weeks of age the puppies no longer have littermates they now have humans. And now you are going to put them in a kennel at night, all by themselves. These Snuggle Puppies dramatically help the nighttime kenneling process. Highly recommended!

We have been in quarantine for what seems like a lifetime. We are doing everything that we can do to keep ourselves safe so that the puppies have a team of people to care for them. If you are feeling sick, please postpone coming or send someone else. Some families are wearing face masks during the puppy pick up process. Please feel free to wear them if they make you feel more comfortable.

We are excited to meeting everyone. Puppy pick up days are amazing! So much fun... If you have any questions or if you get lost, please call me on my cell. Again, we are the almost exactly 2.2 miles east of I-5. The gate will be open. 😊

Lastly, here is a link that will provide you with a ton of information. Grab a cup of coffee and make sure you have some time. I've had some people tell me that I should modify this to state grab a POT of coffee. ☺ There is information on here regarding food and supplements, training, medical records... just for **Mercedes x Hudson's Puppy Families**. Some of the documents on here you will want to download and save as you will want to take them to the vet with you for your first well baby exam. Some of the links will be updated after the their well-baby checkup is complete such as the link for the Litter Report. <https://www.moonlitacres.com/mercedes-families>

See you soon!

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