



SNOWMIST KENNELS

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ABOUT YOUR PET PUPPY

Your puppy is a healthy, loving and attractive animal who will make you a fine companion. He comes from the best breeding stock available. We proud of him and hope you will enjoy him throughout his life.

At this point, however, for reasons having to do with the welfare and improvement of the Siberian Husky breed and the shocking excess of unwanted and stray purebred dogs today, we have both signed an agreement that he or she will not be used for breeding. The Canadian Kennel Club approves of the of such an agreement in lieu of the transfer of papers to the new owner until such times as the animal is spayed or neutered. Perhaps some additional explanation of the practical advantages of owning a non-breeding pet to assure you that you will be doing the right thing by simply loving and enjoying beauty and personality of this without adding more Siberian Huskies (or accidentally, mixed breed dogs) to the world's canine population.

If your puppy is a male, he will be more content and attentive to you if he does not have the never-ending awareness and urge to seek bitches in season (which seem to be everywhere, often running loose). One way to keep contented state is not to allow him to breed, and to have him altered (neutered) at such times as your veterinarian advises. There is no evidence that no breeding, or alteration, results in any psychological harm.



If your puppy is a bitch she too will be more content and attentive when she does not have to go through the tension and frustration often associated with the noisy male dogs congregating at your doorstep for two weeks at a time twice a year. Always when I have decided that a bitch we own is not to be used for breeding I have her spayed even though I have the facilities to keep her and she is accustomed to having bitches in season year round.

In short, both spaying and neutering should be thought of as a way to improve your dog's life and yours. The expense of alteration is small and will very likely "pay for itself" in unstained carpet, intact fences, the like. And remember by not breeding your pet you will be making a very real contribution to animal welfare as a whole. Most of the unwanted and stray purebred dogs come from "puppy mills" who breed heavily and without regard for quality, genetic testing, screening. A second major source is pet owners who breed their animals without realizing the responsibilities of placing the puppies and being faced with giving them away (to people who may repeat the entire sequence, etc.). The way things are going many of these will end up in pounds, poor homes, the sides of highways and otherwise forced out of survival. Breeding dogs has become completely expensive and demanding practice which should be backed up by genetic information and screening and thorough knowledge of the desired traits of the breed. The casual breeding performed by friends, neighbours who happen to own a Siberian Husky, other dogs of opposite sexes seldom produces anything but more Siberian Huskies. There are already too many, too mediocre in quality.

Remember you are doing a very real service to animal welfare by not breeding your pet, and in doing so you are showing perhaps the finest kind of respect for the animals which mean so much to all.