

Breeder Caretakers

Becoming a breeder caretaker is a very rewarding experience. We are excited to have you join our team. Below are some expectations and things to think about before applying to be a breeder caretaker.

Requirements to become a breeder caretaker:

1. **Must be over 18 years of age or if under the age of 25 and living at home must have parental authorization as a Co-Raiser.**
2. **Be financially able to care for a dog including basic needs (food, crate, collar and leash), vaccinations, and vet visits throughout duration of life.**
3. **Live in the state of Florida with no intention of moving.**

Materials Needed to Raise a Puppy:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Recommended Type:</u>	<u>NHSDI Price:</u>
1. High Quality Dog Food	Fromm Adult Gold	\$42 for 40lbs
	Fromm Salmon	\$52 for 30lbs
2. Crate	36" Minimum	\$60
	42"	\$75
3. Training Collar	Martingale Training	\$10
4. Leash	Leather Leash	\$10
	Double Handle Leash	\$20
5. Bowls	2 Stainless Steel	\$10
6. Flea/Heartworm	Sentinel	\$10 per pill
7. Training Vest (for 2yrs)	Provided	Provided

Breeder Caretaker Responsibilities:

1. Treat your breeder as a service dog for the first 2 years in terms of training.
2. Attend regular obedience classes.
3. Submit quarterly progress reports.
4. Follow recommended vaccine schedule, treatment protocols, and preventive care.
5. Feed dog a high quality diet, we require Fromm Gold Adult.
6. Take breeder to all breeding appointments, including eye exams, hip and elbow exams, blood draws, breeding and C-sections.
7. Represent New Horizons in a professional and positive light at all times.

New Horizons Breeder Time Line:

Birth 8- weeks:

Puppy stays at New Horizons Service Dogs facility in Orang City with their Mothers, brothers, and sisters while they are nursing.

8 weeks-2 years old:

Breeder has same rights and training privileges as a service dog in training. The breeder caretaker is responsible for attending regular obedience classes. The caretaker will be provided a vest and will be able to take the breeder in public as long as she is not in heat.

8 Months-1 year old:

Breeder will experience first heat during this time. We do not breed until they are 2 years old. When a girl goes into heat, it typically last anywhere form 1-3 weeks, twice a year and you must call the office to let us know regardless if we are breeding her or not. During the heat you are to keep the breeder away from any un-neutered dogs.

1 year old:

Breeder is taken to a clinic to get eyes and heart checked (expenses paid by NHSDI within reason). Eyes are to be checked every year at no cost in order to catch, diagnose and treat any potential eye problems.

2 years old:

Breeder is taken to get hips and elbows checked to make sure there are no signs of dysplasia.

2 years old-until 4 litters:

NHSDI Breeders produce up to 4 successful litters. We do not breed until eyes, heart, hips and elbows are checked and healthy. If we decide to breed here is the process (all visits and cost associated with breeding are paid by NHSDI):

1. On the 5th day of heat, we require a blood draw at your local vet to check her level of hormones. We provide you with a FedEx label and you must bring her to the appointment and ship out bloodwork. Once we get the results you will repeat the process until she is ready to be bred.
2. NHSDI picks a day or two to schedule a breeding to NHSDI's chosen Stud dog.
3. At 4 weeks from the breeding, we schedule an ultrasound.
4. If pregnant we schedule a C-section close to a month after the ultrasound (we will tell you the date).
5. Once puppies are born, the breeder and her puppies stay at NHSDI facility for 8-weeks. The caretaker is welcome to visit as often as they'd like!

After commitment:

After 4 successful litters, the breeder must be spayed, becomes your forever pet, and paperwork is signed over to the caretaker.