

Cost of Raising a Litter

ESTIMATED COSTS OF RAISING A LITTER OF 8 Puppies

Health Clearances for female before breeding including OFA x-rays for hip and elbow dysplasia, Patella OFA certification, Heart certification by a board certified Cardiologist. Eye certification by board certified Ophthalmologist, thyroid tests, HU DNA tests.	\$2500+
Examination of female before breeding, includes worm check, brucellosis test, booster immunizations, health certificate, etc.	\$ 450
Progesterone Tests and Artificial Insemination or Trans-cervical Insemination	\$1200+
Stud average fee	\$3000+
Semen Collection w/extender and shipping fees	\$ 500+
Extra food and vitamins for female when 6 weeks in whelp	\$ 350
Whelp Wise equipment and medication for delivery of puppies	\$ 500
Postpartum check for female	\$ 150
Office Visit – Examination of litter	\$ 150
Tail docking and removal of dewclaws at \$50 per puppy	\$ 400
Puppy immunizations at \$35 per puppy (2 series)	\$ 560
Microchipping and registration \$40 per puppy	\$ 320
Food and vitamins for puppies before and after weaning	\$ 800
Worming at least twice at \$40 per puppy	\$ 360
Cleaning and disinfecting supplies from birth until puppies leave home	\$ 150
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$11390

*** Note *** The above cost estimate does not include the initial cost of the female, the raising for two years before most of the health test can be done, the cost of travelling to get required health testing done nor the costs for showing the female previous to her breeding. If she is a Champion, add the cost of entry fees, travel expenses, and handling fees to the above total.

It also does not include the cost of the breeder's time in whelping and properly caring for the litter. The 24/7 care of the bitch and puppies. The estimated cost also assumes that nothing goes wrong, meaning, that a necessary c-section or other whelping complications would cost more. Emergency vet care and formula would be necessary should the mother die during whelping.

This should be enough to show you that *Yes*, there is money in dogs, lots of it....put there by the ethical breeders that love their breeds and want to do the best that they can for that breed.