

# BlueBreeze Kennels

## **How things work at BlueBreeze - Mothers & babies:**

Once the new mum comes into season she is permanently moved to the human house, where she spends her time being spoilt and pampered. At some point during her season she is mated to an appropriate male that we have selected. Choosing the right Sire is a process that takes several weeks or months of research and comparisons, along with a deep understanding of what is behind the pedigree of both the Sire & Dam.

Gestation is 61 to 63 days.

A few days prior to the babies being born I move in with mum and sleep beside her and the whelping box until the babies are 10-14 days old. I am there to help mum with the delivery of every puppy, which are most often born in the middle of the night.

At 10-14 days old the baby's eyes begin to open and they can see for first time. Their ears are also now fully opened and they can also hear.

At 3 weeks of age the weaning process commences, we introduce the babies to solid food with one meal per day. This is a messy process until the babies learn not to walk and swim through the dinner bowl, some will even fall asleep in their bowl.

At 4 weeks of age mum & her babies are moved out of the whelping box to the puppy house. Here they can play to their hearts content and obviously have a much greater area to explore. I do not separate mum from her babies, unless she tells me she wants some time away. I also allow mum to feed her babies for as long as she has milk, which is usually 6-7 weeks. Once the babies move to the puppy house, we take weekly photos of them putting them in the gallery section of our website, so our puppy buyers can see the development of the babies through until the day they depart.

At 7 ½ weeks of age we hold a "puppy assessment" day, where a dog judge, usually a breed specialist comes to view & assess the litter. We compare each puppy to the breed standard and select those puppies being kept at BlueBreeze for our ongoing breeding & show program and those puppies going to other show or obedience homes. Show home orders always get first priority. To give you an idea of what we look for in a show puppy you can read the Golden Retriever Extended Breed Standard or view the diagram at the bottom of our "Puppies for Sale" page.

At 8 weeks of age the babies are ready to go to their forever homes. On the day they are due to depart we arrange appointment times for each of the "pre-approved" puppy buyers. The new owners come and choose their puppy, with our assistance. We bath the baby and complete the paperwork, answering any questions you have along the way.

A day or two after the puppy has left BlueBreeze, I make contact with every new owner to “check in,” answer any more questions and ensure the puppy has settled into the new home.

As a registered responsible breeder, my responsibility to my puppies doesn't end the day they depart. I am available to my puppy buyers for the life of the dog, to assist you in anyway, answer any questions you may have as time passes.

Most puppy buyers will visit us at least twice. The first visit is a “meet and greet,” as described in “The Buying Process.” (see the PDF document on the “Puppies for Sale” page of the website. The second visit is when you come, select your puppy and take him or her home. You are welcome to visit as often as you wish after the puppies are born.

When you buy a BlueBreeze puppy you get:

- A pedigree puppy, bred by a registered breeder with Dogs NSW and a member of The Golden Retriever Club of NSW Inc.
- The puppy will be micro-chipped, vaccinated and wormed
- Registration with Dogs NSW on the Limited Register. Main register or show quality puppies maybe available but conditions apply
- An 8 deep family tree plus the ANKC (Australian National Kennel Council) official pedigree certificate
- A 40 plus page booklet giving you all sorts of information on the breed. What to feed, a weight chart so you can manage the puppy's weight as he or she grows
- A list of foods, plants and other things that are poisonous to dogs
- Guidelines on how to settle your new puppy into your home
- All BlueBreeze puppies come with a 6 week free pet insurance through Pet Plan
- All BlueBreeze puppies are sold with a 100% money back guaranteed non-negotiable contract.

You may also view the original health certificates from parents – hips, elbows, heart & eyes, as part of your first visit.

BlueBreeze puppies are raised using a number of different socialisation activities & programs, commencing with ENS (Early Neurological Stimulation), which starts while the babies are in the whelping box. We also have enrichment activities for our babies once they move to the puppy house. These activities & programs are all aimed at socialising the babies, so when they leave us to go to their forever homes, they have a sound golden temperament – kind, friendly & confident.

BlueBreeze puppies are sold to show, obedience, agility and retrieving homes as well as pet homes. If you are interested in any of these K9 activities please let us know so we can send you some more information. If you are after a Main Register puppy then you need to be honest and up front with us from the beginning of your enquiry, telling us you want a Main Register puppy on the day you pick up your puppy will not get you what you want. A Main Register puppy is one that can be entered in conformation shows and can be bred with. In NSW it's also referred to as the Blue Register.