Puppy Pick Day & Owner Preparation Guide

Our commitment: the right puppy in the right home — for life.

Our Philosophy

Our placement process is structured, collaborative, and preservation-minded. Breeder evaluation, temperament assessment (Volhard), and buyer goals are aligned to ensure each puppy thrives long-term.

Communication During the First 7–8 Weeks

We provide regular photos, video updates (Facebook for participating buyers), and weekly pupdates covering development and preparation topics.

How Puppy Pick Day Works

- 30-minute scheduled appointments (in person or phone).
- Buyer adjective list reviewed.
- Breeder observations from 7+ weeks discussed.
- Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test used as one data point.
- Suitability prioritized over cosmetic traits.
- Sex and color preferences respected but secondary.

Placement Priority Structure

- Breeder retention (bitch or stud owner)
- Repeat buyers – breeding prospects
- Approved new breeding homes
- Stud owner retaining non-breeding puppy
- Repeat buyers – non-breeding
- New hunting/performance homes
- Repeat companion homes
- Companion/non-hunting homes

Care Kit Provided at Pickup

- Puppy collar
- Clicker
- Training treats
- Meaty bone
- New toy
- Familiar toy from litter
- Blanket with mother's scent
- Transition food (approx. one week)
- Zip lock bag with baby wipes

Registration & Pedigree

- Each puppy registered with NAVHDA by Cedar's Point.
- Three-generation NAVHDA pedigree provided.
- National and Chapter NAVHDA membership required for participation.

First 72 Hours at Home

- Expect mild transition stress.
- Avoid high-traffic dog areas until fully vaccinated.
- Transition food gradually over 5–7 days.
- Schedule veterinary wellness visit within 72 hours.
- Begin short, positive training sessions immediately.
- Consistency and calm structure are critical.

Cedar's Point Owner Expectations

- Commitment to structured training.
- Appropriate physical and mental outlets.
- Responsible gun dog stewardship.
- Ongoing breeder communication.
- Ethical breeding practices (if applicable).
- Not suited for low-activity or minimally interactive lifestyles.

Why We Encourage NAVHDA Participation

- Preservation of game — ethical recovery and table-ready harvest.
- Partners in conservation protecting habitat and land access.
- Testing analytics preserve versatility in the breed.
- Youth programming supports next generations.
- Structured training builds a better dog and stronger partnership.