



Think *before* You Breed

MY DOG IS PERFECT. I WANT ANOTHER!

Breeding is not cloning, and just like your children would not be exactly like you, your dog's puppies would not be exactly like your dog. In fact, they could be very different. If both parents are not screened for genetic disorders, the puppies could be born with serious genetic problems causing pain, illness, or even death.

The best way to find a second dog who will perfectly fit into your life is to visit <http://Petfinder.com>, find some dogs who interest you, and contact the rescues housing those dogs to learn more about their personalities.

I WANT TO SHOW MY CHILDREN THE MIRACLE OF LIFE.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that between two and three million animals are killed in shelters each year, many of which are puppies and kittens. Instead of contributing to America's pet overpopulation crisis, find out if your local shelter or zoo has any "miracle of life" programs that can help your children understand the process without causing unnecessary births.

I NEED SOME EXTRA INCOME.

Although some people spend \$1,000 or more on champion pedigree puppies from well-known, reputable breeders, they will not spend that money for a puppy from an unknown dog's litter. Additionally, reputable breeders spend thousands on the care and testing of their breeding dogs and puppies. They do not breed for profits; they breed for the love of dogs.

If you breed your dog, you'll spend more money than you could possibly earn, and the puppies will end up in a shelter, possibly killed.

Even if you can find buyers for your puppies, other puppies will die because people got puppies from you instead of from the shelter or rescue. Those puppies were already born and deserved a chance at a good home. Stop this cycle of premature death. Don't breed your dog.

Spaying and neutering not only prevents unwanted pregnancies, but it decreases your dog's risk for certain types of cancers and other ailments. Low cost veterinary clinics are available to serve you. Find them at <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/spayneuter/>.