



Timbreblue puppies are raised in our home, thoroughly socialized, and guaranteed for health and temperament. By the time they go to new families, they have had car rides, met lots of people and dogs, and been handled and snuggled many times daily since they were born.

Our puppies are reared literally underfoot. The whelping box is in our guest room and we spend our days there when we have puppies. When they start to climb out of the box, we cover the floor with plastic sheeting and newspaper, and put up some indoor fencing to protect the computer and other stuff.

At about five weeks, they begin trips outside to play for an hour or so at a time, always attended by their mama as well as their humans. At six weeks, we all pack up and move downstairs to the doggy den, where they meet and mingle with the other whippets. Here's when we start real housebreaking, though it will have to be completed by their new owners. Though owners can be trained to prevent



most accidents through careful supervision and really good timing, puppies themselves are not reliably housetrained till six months or older.

Weaning time is determined by the puppies' mother. We don't take them away from her. She stays with them as long as she can stand them! Depending on how much patience she has, she usually continues nursing at least a little through five or six weeks, sometimes even longer. Some e cut the apron strings at five weeks and some never want to let go!

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Mom and our other family dogs have a lot to teach a puppy before he's ready for the demands of a new home. We've found that keeping the pups till ten weeks is about optimal, though there's no harm in having them here longer. Whippets bond with new owners at any age. But young pups learn important bite inhibition and manners from their littermates, Mom, and the other adult whippets.

If at any time for any reason, a whippet of our breeding cannot stay in his original family, he is welcome to come home to us regardless of age or condition...no questions asked. And we'll always refund at least a portion of your purchase price.