

Why are your female pet puppies more expensive than your male pet puppies?

The question above is a very common question that is frequently asked of Maltese breeders. In the Maltese breed, it is very common for most breeders to set the prices for pet quality females higher than pet quality males. There are many factors that make this a common reality in the Maltese breed.

1) *There is more of a demand for show quality female vs show quality male puppies.*

Most reputable Show Breeders breed their dogs to be able to continue their bloodline, both in the show ring as well as the whelping box. They are not breeding to just sell pet puppies. Most Show Breeders are looking to keep the very best female puppies for themselves. When breeding dogs, you can breed a male as frequently as you would like, but females can only have a finite number of puppies/litters. Dog Breeders are also able to breed their females out to males owned by other breeders. So breeders are not as compelled to have to keep as many male to breed and show. Females are truly the basis for success in any breeders breeding program. For these reasons, breeders really only keep just a few males vs the number of females needed to move forward in their breeding program.

2) *More Pet buyers are looking for female vs male puppies.*

Many in the pet community believe (falsely) that female dogs are easier to potty train than males. The fear of having a small male pet that lifts his leg makes many Pet Buyers solely search for females vs males. Unfortunately, most Pet Buyers believe the myth that females are easier to potty train vs males. Neutered males are just as easy to potty train as females. It is all up to the ability of the owner to potty train their puppy. As long as a male is neutered before they reach sexual maturity, they will not develop the personality trait of "marking". I know of many good pet homes that have been able to successfully potty train their males dogs even after they have been bred. It is all up to the determination of the new pet owner.

3) *There is a 50/50 chance that a breeder genetically will get a male puppy vs a female puppy.*

In summation, because breeders are more likely to keep a female puppy vs a male puppy for themselves or to sell as a show dog to their fellow breeders, there will be less females than males available to sell to pet homes. In addition, Breeders usually have 4 to 5 times more inquiries for female pet puppies over male puppies. This is the basic concept of supply and demand.

**The reality is that in the search for a nice quality pet Maltese puppy from a reputable breeder
It is easier buy a nicer quality, younger male puppy for less money than a female pet puppy.**

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