



## *Our Private Residence Policy*

Here at Carolina's Cute n Cuddly Retrievers we do not allow buyers to come to our home for several reasons which I do not mind sharing. I think most everyone can agree these are safe practices for everyone.

I know several breeders allow buyers to come to their homes and that is their choice to make for themselves, their families, and their dogs. However, we have chosen not to allow this for the following reasons you'll find in this article.

Our breeding program is founded on not only breeding the best of the breed we love but also caring for and loving each and every member of our family. Yes, our dogs who provide you with the puppies you love and bring in to join your very own families are our loved companions and family members too.

For that reason we will not risk them contracting any illnesses from shoes or from other articles of clothing should someone who may have come in contact unknowingly with canine illnesses. We have puppies here with us from day one to elderly dogs and though we keep all of our dogs up to date and provide the best of care, it still exposes them unnecessarily to illnesses, especially those such as the younger and older dogs whose immune systems are weaker.

Theft... it's the world we all live in unfortunately. One thing I learned from other breeders on this topic in the duration of doing our research in several areas of breeding dogs and surrounding breeding practices, was that it's not unheard of for breeders to be robbed from allowing the public to know their private residence location.

I've heard terrible stories from breeding dogs and puppies being stolen to houses being broken into and even someone being injured from allowing buyers to come to their homes. Hearing these other

breeders stories almost scared us out of wanting to breed because we not only have our home and dogs to protect but also our children.

Lastly, as I said we have children. As parents we want to be responsible and make sure to keep our children as safe as possible. Therefore we do not and will not give out our home location. If something happens to have our address on it that our dogs come with it will be redacted for safety purposes.

We will meet in a safe public location on puppy pick up day with all of our buyers. This will more than likely be a park. (To keep the puppies safe they will not be allowed to come in contact with the ground. We ask buyers to do the same. Puppies should not be allowed to come in contact with public locations until they're fully vaccinated.) We feel this also gives a layer of safety for our buyers to know their meeting in a safer area out in the public's eye and not in a private location. Though there's plenty of proof we are legitimate breeders and others have bought from us safely, you still don't know us and deserve that layer of security and we respect that. We want everyone to be safe and comfortable!

I know some people feel that if a breeder won't allow you to come to their home to see the dogs and puppies in their environment that it may be a "red flag" that surely they have something to hide. I would hope no one thought that of our program we love showing off our dogs and can see all over just how well loved and cared for they truly are. But if you're buying from us and would like to have a video conference to see the puppies and parent dogs (dam & sire) we welcome it. We have nothing to hide and go above and beyond to provide our buyers with more than almost all other breeders do with our puppies.

We don't just hand you your puppy and their AKC registration application, take your money and send you on your way. We prepare a whole binder with their information, their parents information (copies of AKC registration certificate, DNA & genetic testing), their litter certificate information, vet record of vaccinations, microchip information paperwork, and a new puppy care information packet.

We want the very best for our puppies and buyers, so we do all we can to get them and their families started off right.

We hope everyone will respect our decision and safety just as much as we do yours! ッ