

Dawson Lake Bretons

Kennel Policy

Effective January 1, 2027

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PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE SUBMITTING A DEPOSIT. This policy explains how Dawson Lake Bretons handles reservations, puppy selection, payments, registration, breeding rights, transportation, returns, stud services, and visits. At pickup, the buyer signs an acknowledgment confirming that the applicable policy was received, reviewed, and accepted.

If different written terms are provided for a particular litter or dog, those written terms control.

1. Deposits

A \$200 deposit is required to reserve a position for a Dawson Lake Bretons puppy.

Deposits are nonrefundable if the buyer backs out, changes their mind, or otherwise chooses not to complete the purchase.

If a puppy of the buyer's preferred sex is unavailable but a puppy of the opposite sex is available, the buyer may accept the available puppy or transfer the deposit to a future litter. A refund is not issued in that situation because a puppy was available.

If Dawson Lake Bretons cannot provide the buyer with a puppy of either sex for any reason, the full \$200 deposit will be refunded.

2. Waiting List

Prospective buyers are expected to have a short phone conversation with me before joining the waiting list. This gives me an opportunity to learn about the buyer, explain the dogs I produce, and determine whether a Dawson dog is an appropriate fit.

A buyer officially joins the waiting list once the \$200 deposit has been received. Confirmation will be provided, and the buyer will be secured in the designated puppy-picking position.

Picking positions are determined by the order deposits are received. Male and female picking orders are maintained separately.

If a deposit is submitted before we speak, I will contact the buyer. If I determine the buyer is not the right fit for a Dawson dog, the deposit will be refunded in full.

3. Puppy Selection

Buyers select puppies according to their designated position within the male or female pick order.

Updated photos will be provided each week. Beginning at approximately two weeks of age, buyers will also receive access to the puppy camera when available. I will share honest observations about personality, confidence, activity level, and early development.

Selection Day

When more than one buyer is waiting to select a puppy of the same sex, selections are made on the day the puppies turn six weeks old.

I begin contacting buyers early that morning in pick order. Once contacted, each buyer has up to two hours to review the available puppies and make a decision.

If a buyer cannot decide within that period, I may temporarily move to the next person in line. After that buyer selects, I will return to the skipped buyer. A skipped buyer does not lose the deposit, but completed selections may reduce the puppies available.

Early Selections

A buyer may select before the six-week selection day when confident in the decision. Once a puppy is selected, the decision is final and the buyer may not later switch puppies.

When No Other Buyer Is Waiting

A selection is required at six weeks only when another buyer is waiting. If no other buyer is being delayed, the buyer may continue evaluating the available puppies. Once a selection is made, it is final.

4. Vaccinations and Puppy Health Care

Going-Home Age

Puppies leave for their new homes at eight weeks of age or later. The exact pickup date is arranged between the buyer and Dawson Lake Bretons.

Veterinary Examination

Each puppy receives an initial veterinary examination at approximately three days old before tail docking. Puppies are then observed closely, and additional veterinary care is sought when a concern is noticed or an examination is believed necessary. Puppies do not routinely receive another veterinary examination immediately before pickup unless there is a reason to do so.

Vaccinations

Puppies receive a Spectra 5-way vaccination at six weeks. The next vaccination is normally due at approximately nine weeks and is the buyer's responsibility, along with the remainder of the veterinarian-recommended schedule.

Deworming

Puppies are dewormed at two, four, six, and eight weeks. Each treatment is administered for three consecutive days. For the eight-week treatment, the first dose is given two days before pickup, the second the following day, and the final dose on pickup day.

Microchipping

Each puppy is microchipped before leaving Dawson Lake Bretons. Microchip information is included with the puppy's records.

Going-Home Information

Each puppy leaves with a supply of its current food, information sheets, vaccination records and labels, deworming information, microchip information, and any additional records relevant to that puppy.

5. Registration

Dawson Lake Bretons puppies may be eligible for registration with UKC, AKC, and NAVHDA, depending on the litter and the registrations held by the parents.

Registered Names

- Every registered name must include Dawson Lake Bretons.
- The registered name must begin with the letter assigned to that birth year under the French naming tradition.

Buyers may choose the registered name if it follows these requirements. If a buyer does not provide an acceptable name by the deadline, I will select and register one on the buyer's behalf.

UKC Registration

I preregister every puppy with UKC and pay the UKC registration expense. Final registration is completed after all puppies have left and all balances have been collected. UKC controls processing time, and completed registration may take several weeks or months.

AKC and NAVHDA Registration

When applicable, AKC and NAVHDA paperwork or information is provided with the puppy. The buyer is responsible for completing and paying for any registration they choose to pursue through those organizations.

Registration Rights

Puppies are sold with full registration rights unless different terms are clearly explained before a deposit is accepted. Any future policy change applies only to future litters; restrictions are not added after a puppy has been reserved under different written terms.

6. Breeding Rights

Beginning with puppies produced from 2027 litters, full registration does not mean a Dawson dog may be bred without prior approval.

Before any covered Dawson Lake Bretons dog - male or female - is used for breeding, the owner must contact me and receive approval for the proposed pairing.

Health Testing for Both Dogs

- Hip evaluation results.
- Embark genetic testing.
- Any additional testing required by the purchase agreement for the Dawson dog.

The owner must provide the proposed mate's identity, pedigree, health-testing results, and other relevant information requested. These requirements apply whether a Dawson male is bred to an outside female or a Dawson female is bred to an outside stud.

Dawson Males Used at Stud

Before a Dawson male is advertised, offered, or used at stud, the owner must provide information about the proposed female and receive approval. The outside female must have completed hip testing and Embark genetic testing.

Dawson Females Used for Breeding

Before a Dawson female is bred, the owner must provide information about the proposed stud and receive approval. The outside stud must have completed hip testing and Embark genetic testing. Dawson females must be at least two years old before breeding. An earlier breeding may be considered only under exceptional circumstances and must be approved in writing before it occurs.

Purpose of the Policy

This firm requirement helps me track the dogs I produce, evaluate pairings, protect the direction of the breeding program, and prevent breedings that may be a poor fit based on health, pedigree, structure, performance, temperament, or long-term goals.

7. Returns and Rehoming

A Dawson dog may be returned to Dawson Lake Bretons at any point in its life if the owner is no longer able or willing to keep it. The owner must contact me before selling, giving away, surrendering, or otherwise rehoming the dog.

Returning a Dog. No refund is provided when a dog is returned. The owner is responsible for arranging and paying for return transportation. Once ownership transfers back to Dawson Lake Bretons, I have authority to decide what is best for the dog, including keeping, training, breeding, selling, or placing it in another suitable home.

Rehoming With Approval. In some circumstances, I may approve a direct placement with a trusted family member, close friend, or another suitable home. The placement must be discussed and approved before ownership transfers, and the new owner's information must be provided so I can continue tracking and supporting the dog.

My priority is ensuring that every Dawson dog remains safe, properly cared for, and placed in a home that understands the dog's needs.

8. Shipping and Transportation

Buyers are welcome to pick up in person, but transportation may be arranged when distance makes pickup impractical.

Transportation Options

- Commercial air travel.
- A flight nanny.

- A professional ground transporter.
- Another reasonable method agreed upon by the buyer and Dawson Lake Bretons.

The buyer and I will determine an appropriate option. The buyer may choose a preferred method if it can be arranged safely and responsibly.

Transportation Costs

The buyer is responsible for all transportation costs, including airfare, transporter charges, travel crates, veterinary documents, airport fees, fuel, lodging, and other expenses required to deliver the puppy. Arrangements and estimated costs should be agreed upon before travel is scheduled.

Personal Delivery or Meeting Partway

Depending on distance and availability, I may agree to deliver the puppy or meet at an agreed-upon location. The buyer must reimburse fuel and driving time in the amount agreed before the trip. This option is considered individually and is not guaranteed.

Payment Before Transportation

The full purchase price and all known transportation expenses must be paid before the puppy begins its trip.

Transfer of Responsibility

Dawson Lake Bretons remains responsible until the puppy is handed to the buyer, the buyer's authorized representative, or the agreed transportation provider. Responsibility transfers at handoff. After release, Dawson Lake Bretons is not responsible for delays, accidents, injuries, illness, escape, loss, or other events during transportation, except to the extent responsibility cannot legally be disclaimed.

9. Payment

The current puppy price is communicated before a deposit is accepted. The \$200 deposit is applied to the total purchase price.

Final Payment. The remaining balance may be paid before pickup or on pickup day. Accepted methods are cash, Venmo, Cash App, and check. Personal checks are not accepted at pickup and must be received early enough to clear before release.

Electronic-Payment Fees. Transaction or processing fees charged by the selected provider are added to the buyer's total. The complete amount is provided before payment is submitted.

Additional Expenses. The puppy price covers the puppy only. Transportation, delivery, travel documents, crates, service fees, and other agreed expenses are additional and are the buyer's responsibility.

Missed Payment or Payment Problem. A buyer who cannot pay as agreed must contact me immediately. No puppy is released until all required amounts are paid. If payment is not completed and no resolution is reached, the deposit is retained and the puppy may be offered to another home.

10. Stud Services

Stud fees are established individually for each Dawson Lake Bretons stud dog and are listed on that dog's Stud Services webpage. Fees may vary by dog and may change over time.

Approval of the Female. Every proposed breeding is reviewed individually. Meeting the listed requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Dawson Lake Bretons may refuse a breeding believed unsuitable based on health, pedigree, structure, performance, temperament, compatibility, or the long-term interests of the dogs and breed.

The female's owner must provide:

- Registered name and registration information.
- Pedigree.
- Age.
- Hunting or performance information.
- OFA hip results.
- Embark genetic-testing results.

Payment

The full stud fee must be paid and cleared before the stud dog or semen is available. Accepted methods are cash, check, Venmo, and Cash App. Checks must clear before breeding, collection, or shipment. Processing fees are added to the total.

Breeding Options

Service may be provided through natural breeding or shipped semen. The method is determined by the dogs, location, timing, and reproductive circumstances.

Additional Expenses

The female's owner is responsible for expenses beyond the stud fee, including progesterone testing, veterinary and reproductive services, collection and preparation, shipping, transportation, storage, handling, ultrasound, pregnancy confirmation, and other breeding-related expenses.

Successful Breeding and Pregnancy Confirmation

A breeding is considered successful once pregnancy is confirmed by a licensed veterinarian through ultrasound. The ultrasound must be performed 28 to 35 days after the final natural breeding or insemination, and results must be provided within five days. The number of puppies observed does not determine whether the breeding is successful.

Repeat Breeding

If the female does not become pregnant, one repeat breeding is provided without an additional stud fee. It must involve the same female and stud, be used within three years, and remain subject to both dogs' health, availability, and breeding condition. The female's owner remains responsible for all related expenses. No additional registration, sale, or breeding restrictions are placed on resulting puppies unless different terms were agreed before breeding.

11. Visiting Dawson Lake Bretons

Appointments

Visits are by appointment only. Prospective buyers are encouraged to meet the adult dogs and learn about the dogs I produce before committing to a litter.

Visiting a Litter

Visits may begin when puppies are four weeks old. From four weeks until the first vaccination, visitors may observe but not handle puppies. After the puppies are six weeks old and vaccinated, visitors may handle and interact with them. Children are welcome during scheduled visits.

Health Precautions

Visitors must postpone if any animal in their care has been sick within the previous 90 days. This reduces the risk of exposing young puppies to illness. Additional sanitation instructions may be provided before a visit when needed.

Outside Dogs

Visitors may not bring outside dogs onto the property unless visiting for an approved stud service or Dawson Lake Bretons has specifically requested the dog be present.

Policy Acknowledgment

This Kennel Policy is effective January 1, 2027. By signing below, the buyer acknowledges that they reviewed, understood, and accepted the policies that apply to the reservation, purchase, registration, transportation, ownership, breeding, return, and rehoming of their Dawson dog.

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By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- I received and reviewed the Dawson Lake Bretons Kennel Policy.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- I understand and accept the policies that apply to my puppy and ownership of my Dawson dog.
- I understand that this policy is effective January 1, 2027, unless different written terms were provided to me.

Buyer's printed name

Puppy's registered or identifying name

Puppy's sex

Date of birth

Buyer signature

Date

Dawson Lake Bretons representative / Date

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