## **Reservation Process**

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our dogs and the procedures we have in place to ensure we find the best homes for them.

Breeding Clumber Spaniels is our passion and we take our part to preserve this beautiful rare breed very seriously. We work with our families to give them support and guidance throughout the lifetime of their Clumber Spaniel. We get several inquiries every week, and we want to ensure that our families understand the responsibility of owning a Clumber Spaniel and purchasing from a reputable breeder.

As appealing as the notion is, we do not have dozens of puppies just patiently waiting around for homes. It can take a great deal of time from the beginning of the process until you have your Tricklecreek puppy.

Our breedings are carefully planned years in advance. Many owners wait a few years for their puppy. Our waiting list is ever-changing as occasionally families on the list will find another companion, so we always encourage sending in an application. Our process is further detailed below.

## **Application**

- Fill out and send in an application form from on our puppy page
- Your application will be reviewed as we are looking to get to know a bit about your lifestyle and your experience with dogs.
   Please give us five to seven days to complete this review before contacting you.
- We will call you on the telephone to discuss your application and our future breeding plans.
- We always call references, so please make sure yours are up to date and expect to hear from us.
- After you have been approved, you will be placed on our waiting list. The queue is maintained in the order that applicants are approved.
- We reserve the right to decide who receives one of our puppies.
  Finding the right home for each puppy is of the utmost importance to us.

## **Once You Are On Our Waitlist**

- You will be asked to provide detailed information on what you are purchasing your puppy for and the preferred sex of the puppy. (Is it a companion only, hunting dog, sports or show dog, etc.?)
- What expectations do you have regarding your puppy's personality and disposition? As we spend so much time with the puppies, we learn their individual personalities and will match your puppy to you as best we can.
- A copy of the contract will be emailed to you prior to picking up your puppy. Please read it carefully and ask any questions you may have. A copy of our contract is available on our website.
- Contracts are signed before the puppy leaves the breeder.
- Puppies are evaluated for show quality at eight weeks old.
  We make our decision as to which puppy we will be keeping for our breeding program at eight to nine weeks. We do a thorough puppy evaluation for structure and a temperament test. Show-quality puppies are always selected first and their placement takes priority over the choosing of companion puppies.
- If none of the puppies available are suitable for your needs, you will be asked to wait for another litter.
- Puppies usually will go home between nine and 12 weeks old.