

Gunfield General Breed Advice



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ACTIVITIES AND HOME LIFE



The Vizsla breed is a hunt point and retrieve gundog of elegant appearance, high intelligence, and high energy level.

Owning the breed is a lifelong commitment with a lifespan of 12+ years in many cases.

The breed needs an owner who is willing to spend a significant amount of time on training socialisation and exercise of their dog.

They are suited to a variety of homes whether it be an active family pet or a working gundog they can turn a paw to most things.

To list a few possible activities Gunfield bred puppies have taken part in the following-

- Film or photo models.

- Working gundogs

- Obedience

- Agility

- Cannicross

- Explosive, Drug or Cadaver detection dogs

- Medical alert dogs

- Championship and open show dogs.

- Pets as therapy dogs.

However, they are primarily always somebody's pet and provided they receive love and affection and a life that stimulates their natural instincts and need for companionship they are happy!

FAMILY DOG



The Vizsla is considered a good family dog and their nature with children is exceptionally good, loyal, and loving... however, the natural boisterous temperament can provide issues with jumping up and mouthing.

Their high intelligence level also has the potential to cause problems with children and resource guarding it is important if you are a parent or grandparent or regular caregiver of children that you consider the implications of owning a high energy/intelligence dog alongside children and that you are prepared for the additional work load the socialisation, training and educating your puppy to be a good family dog involves.

You should always inform the breeder of your regular interactions with children as this will be a contributory factor when selecting the most suitable puppy for your household and it will in no way exclude you from ownership.

The better informed we are the better the match for you.

DIET



The Vizsla needs a high-quality diet they do not do well on high grain diets or cheap poor-quality foods.

They do extremely well on a raw diet or a combination of cold pressed and raw or cooked meat.

Our puppies are fed on a raw diet and a week's worth of food is supplied with your puppy plus added discounts.

The average cost of feeding a raw diet is between £3.15 and £4.50 a day The average cost of feeding a combination of cold-pressed and raw/cooked meat is approximately £4.00 a day.

We recommend you read about raw diet sadly many vets have only been taught about diet by the manufacturers of processed food who promote their own products and are using out dated studies where dogs used as a comparison were fed poor quality meat fresh from the slaughter house and not previously sorted, graded, cleaned and frozen.

The food you will be using is a complete diet where the ingredients have been assessed and are nutritionally balanced it has been frozen to remove the risk of bacteria and parasites and it is served directly from the tub after defrosting, so you are not expected to prepare carcasses for your dog.

HEALTH



While I would love to be able to tell you that all puppies that we breed are a 100 percent healthy for the whole of their lives and we never see health problems at all that is simply something no truthful breeder can say (there's a few out there that will lie to you however)

Unfortunately like most breeds or crossbreeds the Vizsla is disposed to certain health conditions.

Some of these but not limited to are listed below.

Hip dysplasia.

Elbow dysplasia

Glaucoma

Autoimmune conditions.

Cerebellar ataxia.

Epilepsy.

Where tests are available our breeding stock are tested and the results evaluated but tests are not available for everything, so we only breed from dogs who are not physically affected themselves and watch breed-lines for potential issues,

We also keep coefficients of inbreeding low to reduce risk.

It is important when you are considering ownership that you ensure that you budget for a decent insurance policy to cover your dog in the unfortunate circumstance that veterinary treatment is needed.

The average cost at the time of writing was around £40-£55 a month for high end cover.

OWNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS



Before embarking on ownership of any breed of dog can bring about significant changes to lifestyle and indeed finances of course many of these changes are positive but I have listed a few basic things for you to consider before taking the plunge,

- Are you and your neighbours prepared for first sleepless nights as the puppy settles in the first week or so can be extremely challenging.
- Are you prepared for the piranha stage Vizslas are extremely mouthy as puppies and this will need to be taught how to use their mouth acceptably.
- Do you have the time daily to exercise your dog?
- Please consider the cost and time needed to attend training sessions with your dog.
- Please account for the financial outlay of food, insurance, and routine veterinary care.
- Please consider the implications on holidays of owning a dog this will either entail holidays catered to dog friendly places or significant preplanning and financial outlay for holiday care for your dog.
- Are you prepared for your home to be less easy to tidy alongside dogs comes matted hair and dirty feet.
- Are you prepared for damage to your home and garden as a puppy grows, they are often quite destructive if left to their own devices.

Myth buster



The Vizsla is a hypoallergenic breed.

No the Vizsla is not hypoallergenic they moult and their coat contains dander like most breeds of dog

Female puppies are more affectionate than boys.

The vizsla breed is an affectionate breed and the gender does not dictate this, it is dictated by the temperament type/score.

Male dogs are bigger than females.

Size is dictated by the individual puppies if you read the breed description you will see that the size for males ranges from 22 ½ to 25 Inches and females 21 ½ to 23 ½ inches from meaning larger females can be bigger than the males.

If you are after a smaller puppy simply ask the breeder about this.

Pet bred or show bred Vizslas don't have the same hunting instinct

The breed has hunting hardwired in its genes its like saying a pet fox hound wouldn't hunt given the opportunity, the instinct is always there as an owner your job is to train correctly and channel it so it isn't a problem in everyday pet life.

The pet bred term is a red flag for a puppy farm sales gimmick to sell puppies to unsuitable homes.



Thank you for taking the time to read this information we hope to be able to welcome you as one of our future owners if you have any further questions about anything at all you are welcome to contact us by email, social media or by telephone.

Here's some contact information for you

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www.gunfields.com

<https://www.youtube.com/@gunfield7112>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gunfieldvizslas>

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We were proud to be fully complaint members of the UK Kennel club Assured breeders scheme from 2006 till its closure in 2025

