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Please note that while this information may be applicable to other breeds, it is primarily intended for use by breeders and by extension, buyers of Doberman Pinschers. The form below, is designed to assist the breeder in determining what the approximate costs are for breeding a litter. It is **NOT** meant to be a document that "tells" a breeder what to do, but rather a guide that indicates the range of possible expenses for their situation.

Therefore, we would be remiss in this effort if we did not at least mention the cost of finishing the Championship of a breeding dog or bitch.

There is no "average" involved where that expense is concerned. But from purchase price of a show/breeding animal to Championship certificate the range COULD be from \$3,000 to well over \$15,000 - depending on some factors that remain constant and therefore within your control and many expenses that can't be factored in almost until it's over. (For example - traveling to shows where "majors" are available could mean a 2,000 mile trip to the mid-west as opposed to exhibiting your dog close to home where "major" entries are not likely).

An abbreviated definition of an AKC Champion dog or bitch clearly illustrates why breeders value the title and why animals who can become champions should be considered very important in the breeding arena:
A Champion is a dog (male or female) that has been evaluated by at least three licensed Judges as to how closely that particular dog meets the ideal criteria (correct structure, proportions and size, movement, temperament, color) outlined and defined in the written Standard of Excellence for that Breed. This animal would have been shown to an assortment of judges deemed "experts" by virtue of their title - and subsequently awarded the accumulative points needed to be deemed a Champion by the AKC. Every Champion is awarded a certificate proving they are AKC Champions when the requirements for the title are met. For more information, here's a link to the complete Standard for the "ideal" Doberman Pinscher:

<https://dpca.org/breed/breed-standard/>.

Additionally, this link provides an explanation from the AKC about earning a breed Championships:

http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/counting_points.cfm.

Form Use:

There are 3 Entries you MUST make to obtain an accurate Cost Estimate.

These entries are Indicated in **Red**. The entries are:

REGION

COST OF OFFICE VISIT

INSEMINATION METHOD

Be sure you make the appropriate selections!!!

You may also select or change the number of pups for a litter. The initial number of 6 pups, for the purpose of this form, is considered an average sized litter and we believe that's a fair starting point for this effort. ***Please adjust that number for your situation.***

In the "Additional Puppy Expenses" Section you will need to choose the type of "Identification" that is applicable for your litter or situation.

Important Note: Veterinarian Office Visit charges are built into many of the Expense Items on this Form. Where a Vet Office Visit is normally part of the Expense Item, that item will be designated with an " (Red Asterisk). Therefore, the Amount selected is ONLY That of the Actual Item. ^

For More information about a specific topic click on the



Number of Pups Anticipated 

What Region of the United States or Canada do you live in?

Midwest

[See the Regions Here](#)

What is the "Normal Cost" of an Office Visit to your Veterinarian?

\$100

The approximate Cost to Breed a Litter of Doberman Pinscher Puppies Ranges from a Low of \$4,175 using the Minimum expense cost to a High of \$16,500 using the Maximum expense cost

Please Select the Number of Puppies Anticipated and the Geographic Region the Breeder is Located in

Breeding Decision Expenses: (Note: To exclude these costs from the total breeding costs, please check this box)

The Costs of the Testing in this section are not considered by some breeders as being true "Breeding Expenses". These tests, however, do provide the responsible breeder with the information required to make an informed choice as to the suitability of a particular female and male for potential breeding. It should be noted that today's "educated" buyer, will ask about health testing of the parents and reputable breeders will answer those questions and provide documentation during buyer/breeder discussions. The tests in this section should be done prior to making the decision to breed a litter.

Basic Breeding Decision Testing:

OFA or Penn-Hip X-Rays



\$450

CERF (Eye Test)



\$50

vWD - DNA



\$140

Thyroid Test *



\$105

Additional Breeding Decision Testing:

Echocardiogram (Heart)



\$400

Holter Monitor (Heart)



\$150

Dilution Test



Liver Evaluation



WAE (Temperament)



Sub-Total for Breeding Decision Examinations \$ 1395.00

Pre-Breeding Expenses:

Examinations & Medical Expenses: (For more info on all topics in this section click here )

Progesterone Test (1 to 5 tests) *

Brucellosis Test *

\$60

Health Certificate *

Immunization Booster *

\$50

Worm Check *

\$25

Sub-Total for Examinations & Medical Expenses \$ 635.00

Note: Some of these tests are not strictly a "required item" however, all the tests listed above do factor into the total health of the potential sire/dam being considered for breeding. Completion of these tests will provide the serious breeder with much of the information necessary in making an informed and wise decision as to the

ability of the breeding pair to improve, and therefore, make a positive, long term contribution to the breed. Testing should be equal for both the sire and dam, and documentation should be provided BEFORE the actual breeding takes place.

Please Select an Insemination Method:

Will you be doing Live Cover or using Artificial Insemination

Stud Fee	<input type="text" value="\$0"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	Frozen/Chilled Semen
Transportation of Bitch to Stud	<input type="text" value="\$0"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	Ship Semen (Includes Tank Rental)
		Implant Semen (Could be Transcervical or Surgical)
		Collection (Includes Repro Vet & Collection Kit)

Sub-Total for Stud Services \$ 0.00

Post Breeding Expenses:

Sonogram to determine Pregnancy *	<input type="text" value="\$75"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
X-Rays to count Puppies	<input type="text" value="\$0"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Reproductive Examination *	<input type="text" value="\$0"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Additional Food & Supplements	<input type="text" value="\$300"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>

Sub-Total for Post Breeding Expenses \$ 575.00

Whelping Expenses:

Whelping Box:	<input type="text" value="\$260"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	
Whelping Box Bedding:	<input type="text" value="\$70"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	
Cleaning & Other Supplies:	<input type="text" value="\$500"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	Supplies in this category are items including but not limited to: Esbilac, Bottles, Weaning Formula , Disinfectants, Detergent, Washing Bedding, Towels, etc. From the whelping until the pups leave.

Sub-Total for Whelping Expenses \$ 830.00

Post Whelping Expenses: (Standard items for Breed) ^

The Post Whelping expenses are items that are typical for both Mother and Pups for the Doberman Breed. Most of these expenses are based on the size of the litter. The expense amount shown in the selectable List box is based on ONE Puppy. The total amount per item for the size of the litter is Shown to the right and calculated automatically.

Vet Office Visit: (For Post-partum check up)* 

This is an Examination for the Female to insure her post whelping health. Would include the Pitoin Injection if necessary

Vet Tail Docking & Dew Claw Removal Per Puppy 

Total Docking

Food & Vitamins for Pups after weaning for the litter - Per Litter 

Worming of Pups (Generally 2 or 3 times) Per Puppy 

Total Worming

The Cost used is for 2 wormings per pup + the Office Visit

Puppy Vaccinations (Parvo, Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza) Per Puppy *





Total Vaccination

Puppy Vaccination is a controversial topic among breeders and owners. For the purposes of this Costing form, vaccinations are considered at only the currently recommended (by the AVMA) standard, as such we have used 1 Combination DHPP Vaccine.

vWD DNA Testing (Per Puppy)  

Total vWD Testing

There are 3 instances where this test is not necessary because the status of the puppies is established "by parentage" (both parents have already been tested and there is documentation supporting a CLEAR or AFFECTED rating).

Please read Comments at right!
(& Click on the Dobe for more info)

CLEAR TO CLEAR = All puppies are CLEAR by parentage.
CLEAR TO AFFECTED = All puppies are CARRIERS by parentage.
AFFECTED TO AFFECTED = all puppies are AFFECTED by parentage.
All other combinations of parentage - i.e. CARRIER TO CARRIER - will produce clears, carriers and affecteds in the same litter - therefore, the DNA TEST must be done to determine the vWD Status of each puppy.
A vWD DNA TEST is the ONLY 100% accurate and acceptable method for determining vWD status in any breed today. (The old Elisa method is not

reliable). VetGen is the ONLY laboratory qualified to do the vWD DNA test today.

Ear Cropping - Per Puppy

Total Ear Cropping

Ear Cropping includes the office time, anesthetics, surgery, etc.

Antibiotics (Post Cropping) - Per Puppy

Total Antibiotics

Antibiotics given for the time required for the ears to heal. Generally 7 to 10 days.

Sub-Total for Post Whelping Expenses \$ 6005.00

Additional Puppy Expenses

Taping & Posting Supplies - Per Litter

Tattoo **Microchip**

Both - Per Puppy (Check the separate costs before selecting Both)

Total ID

If the pups are to be tattooed this can be done at the time of ear cropping. Microchips are more expensive than the tattoo. Legal requirements for identification exist in some municipalities/countries. Please check the laws for your legal requirements.

Litter Registration (AKC) - Per Litter 

Total Litter Reg

This Cost is \$25 per litter and \$2 per Puppy.

Individual Puppy Registration - Per Puppy

Total Puppy Reg

Some breeders prefer the new owner to Register individual pups

Temperament Testing - Per Litter

DPCA Futurity Nomination -Per Litter (PreWhelp) 

Not done in all cases . Nomination is done before the litter is born and is \$15.00. Once the litter is born, Each Pup actually nominated is another \$15.00.

DPCA Futurity Nomination - Per Puppy

Total Nomination

Sub-Total for Additional Puppy Expenses \$ 785.00

Miscellaneous Expenses:

Puppy Toys

This item includes stimulation toys for mental growth of pups

Puppy Buyers Kit

The buyers kit includes items such as leashes, collars, food supplements , food, toys, etc. that are given to the buyer to take home for their new pup. It would also include written material such



as taping instructions, feeding instructions, pedigree information (including pictures) and other care information, etc. as well as the cost of printing.

Heating Lamp(s) 

Depending on the time of year and climate, the breeder may require lamps to keep the new puppies warm in the whelping box.

Time Off work
(expected) - # Weeks 

Salary per  Total Salary Lost

While not strictly a "Cost", it should be factored into the cost of breeding a litter of pups and is included in the Total Cost on this form.

Sub-Total for Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 200.00

Other Possible Expenses:

Emergency C - Section 

Typically C-Sections are not planned as a routine course of action. Differences may exist for "during" or "after" normal business hours. However this is still considered an emergency procedure.

Whelpwise Service (On Call Midwife Service)  

Sub-Total for Other Possible Expenses \$ 1600.00

Total Cost of Producing a Litter of Pups, based on 10 puppies is \$ 12025.00

On a Per Puppy basis this would be \$ 1203.00

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