



SO, YOU THINK YOU WANT A LITTER?

Think that having a litter of puppies would be loads of fun? Think that it would be a good experience for the kiddies? Here are a few more thoughts on the subject:

1. What happens if your female dies or is sick after the whelping? Do you really want to feed the whole litter every two to four hours around the clock?
2. If your female needs an emergency Cesarean Section, add at least another \$500 to \$1000 onto your total losses.
3. Raising a litter of healthy puppies is EXPENSIVE. Puppies need to be vaccinated, wormed and fed very well. Never expect to "make" money raising a litter.
4. Where will the puppies live? Every blade of grass, stick of wood and any landscaping will be destroyed. Puppies kept in the garage will destroy the garage in one hour - flat! Housing puppies correctly is difficult.
5. Puppies are NOISY! They will fight, yowl and wail at all hours. Since few neighbors will be as enchanted with the little dears as you are, be prepared for neighbor complaints. Expect many sleepless nights as well.
6. Puppies poop a lot. From a litter of five puppies, each puppy will defecate five times a day. That can add up to 25 stools per day, 175 stools per week, and 1750 piles of poop until they are 10 weeks old. Are you POSITIVE you want to spend your time chasing puppy poop?

7. According to California Penal Code 597, you may not sell any puppies under eight weeks old and it carries a fine of up to \$250 per puppy.
8. New (and all) puppies can get sick. Set aside at least another \$500 for routine care and additional money for emergencies.
9. Set aside more money for advertising the sale of the puppies.

So, You STILL Think You Want A Litter?