



# "We Breed in Small Batches"

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## PUPPY CONTRACT

### DEPOSIT/BALANCE (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

A non-refundable electronic deposit of \$200 will hold your place on a waiting list (as long as your application is complete and approved) with balances are due at pick-up. We will accept cash for balances, but prefer payment via Good Dog:

<https://pay.gooddog.com/mollies-maltese>



Litters are usually small (3-4 is standard, though 1-2 is possible) and the demand is high. With your deposit, there are several others who may end up turning away and will search for their puppy elsewhere. *Due to this factor, no deposit is refundable for any reason, including because one simply changes his/her mind.* Deposits can be made electronically via our website. *Please be advised that a puppy is NOT reserved until Mollie's Maltese has received the completed application, contract, and deposit. DO NOT wait for a response to your application, though. It's simply a tool to ensure thoroughness. We also request a phone conversation prior to reservation, and prefer a video chat. Communication and clarity are important to us!*

### TRANSPARENCY (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

The motto of Mollie's Maltese is that "We Breed in Small Batches: We pride ourselves in breeding quality Maltese in a family-oriented environment." What does this look like? It looks like all dogs and puppies living in a family home, living among their owners, being called by name, and loved as individuals. It also entails frequent photograph offerings and video calls (by appointment). These photos and videos ensure all purchasers can see the progress of their new fur babies! Not only will we show pictures and videos of the puppies, but we will happily show any interested party their living environment. Our program is solid enough to offer quality, but small enough to offer this level of personability. We do our very best to customize the experience of every puppy family, even down to calling the new puppy by name once we learn it from you and even trying to find backgrounds and toys to correlate, if possible!

### PICK-UP/DELIVERY (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

Mollie's Maltese is located in Rocky Point, NC area, near Wilmington. We will provide the GPS address to you through personal communication once your deposit has been received. Maltese Puppies must stay with Mollie's Maltese until 12 weeks of age in order to meet the standards of the American Maltese Association. This is only for health and safety, as we want to be 100% confident that they are ready for their new homes before they leave for their new homes. Should any purchaser request a Nanny Delivery service, the minimum fee is \$75 for the convenience. Any delivery would be made with the puppy in a strapped-in doggie car seat for his/her safety and comfort. All delivery fees must be pre-paid at least 2 weeks prior to delivery date. See chart below for a list of complete fees:



- 1-100 miles (round-trip): \$75 (this includes meeting at the ILM airport for delivery)
- 101-200 miles (round-trip): \$100
- 201-300 miles (round-trip): \$200
- More than 300 miles (round-trip) can be negotiated and will be covered in an addendum.
- “Meeting halfway” will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Puppies from Mollie’s Maltese will be microchipped already, for their safety and your convenience. You will also receive a goodie bag as our gift to you with paperwork, puppy tutorials, starter food, an “Eye Envy” tear stain prevention sample kit, a doggie dental kit, and a few other fun surprises!

**AKC REGISTRATION** (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

Our Maltese puppies are sold as “pet only” with American Kennel Club (AKC) "limited registration" unless other arrangements are made for full registration (considered on a case-by-case basis). AKC "limited registration" means that your puppy can be registered with the AKC, may compete in many other AKC events, but not in AKC Conformation. *We ask that no puppy from Mollie’s Maltese with limited registration be bred.* No puppy of a dog with “limited registration” is eligible for AKC registration. Also, though (of course!) you may call your new puppy by any name you wish, the puppy’s AKC registered name (full or limited) must include the kennel name (e.g. “Mollie’s Rover,” “Mollie’s Spot,” “Mollie’s [your puppy’s name here],” etc.), as this is a common practice. Again, this is *only* for the AKC official paperwork.

**HEALTH GUARANTEE** (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

What we cannot guarantee is the adult size or “look” of our puppies (though we share ample predicting factors, projections, and pictures). We also cannot guarantee any particular temperament (e.g., “lap dog” vs. super playful, barker vs. less-frequent-barker, etc.). These qualities are impossible to predict. What we *do* feel comfortable guaranteeing is their health at pick-up. All puppies sold have already been vet-checked and have had their first shots and de-wormings. Each puppy is sold in good faith and has a certified health certificate provided by a licensed veterinarian. Any health issue of merit would be disclosed to the purchaser before sale. Both the dam and sire have been *Embark* tested and have passed the genetic testing. With that said, each puppy comes with this genetic health guarantee. Within 3 business days of purchasing your new Maltese puppy, you must take him/her to a licensed veterinarian for an examination. If the veterinarian determines (and verifies in writing directly to Mollie’s Maltese), within 3 business days of purchasing, that your Maltese puppy is clinically ill or has died from an injury sustained or illness likely to have been contracted *on or before* the date of purchasing and delivery, you have the following options: A) Return the puppy for a refund of purchase price. B) Return the puppy for a replacement puppy of equal value (if available).

*These options do not apply where Mollie’s Maltese, who has provided a health certificate issued by a veterinarian, discloses in writing at or before the time of sale any health problem for which the purchaser later seeks to return the dog.*

If a licensed veterinarian determines (as a result of initial exam or test result(s) from initial exam within the 3-business day window) that your puppy has a congenital or hereditary defect which adversely affects the animal’s health or that your puppy died from a congenital or hereditary defect, you have the same option as outlined above. If purchaser was notified about any particular condition and chose to purchase the puppy anyhow, this will be in writing via contract addendum (and/or an email, in writing); such condition would not be eligible for refund or replacement since risk of ownership was disclosed at sale.

*We cannot be held responsible for health issues for which Embark doesn’t test, as this is our best effort to ensure that we are providing healthy puppies.*



You must notify Mollie's Maltese of the examining veterinarian's name, website, address, and phone number within 48 hours of the vet's certification of your dog's illness, if any is found. Failure to notify Mollie's Maltese within 48 hours will result in forfeiture of rights. By purchasing a puppy from us, you agree to the following:

1. The puppy will be taken to the vet promptly. You should make sure that he/she is healthy and doesn't need a vet's attention. We require that this initial visit be within 3 business days of the puppy's arrival (sooner is better).
2. We are not responsible for a puppy's exposure to diseases after they have left our possession. You should be careful where you take your puppy and who handles him/her as well (this includes small children). The puppy should not be exposed to previously infested disease areas or to places where a high level of exposure to diseases is possible. Treat him/her as if she is a newborn baby.
3. Validation of the guarantee requires examination of your puppy by the licensed veterinarian of your choice and at your expense within 3 business days of its arrival. This examination is expected to confirm that your dog was healthy upon arrival. If the puppy is showing any sign of illness, it should be taken to an emergency vet immediately.
4. As stated above, your puppy has been through a vet check and has received a health certificate. He/she has been through at least his/her first shots. He/she has also been de-wormed, but this does not mean that he/she is 100% free of worms because young animals are especially susceptible to worms, are exposed every time they touch the ground, and worming is an ongoing process that will need to be continued once the puppy is in your care. Your puppy will also need follow up shots. It is very important that you follow up with shots and de-worming.
5. Mollie's Maltese is not responsible for any veterinarian bills that the purchaser may incur regarding the purchased puppy.
6. This guarantee is null/void if the puppy is sold to a third party, and if normal precautions aren't taken.
7. Especially with smaller breeds of puppies, there is always a chance that stress or other factors may cause the puppy's sugar to drop to dangerous levels. It is the responsibility of the new owner to be very observant regarding the puppy's sugar level, to be aware of action that needs to be taken if this condition does occur. The purchaser should be cautious to make sure that this condition doesn't affect the puppy, and Mollie's Maltese cannot be responsible for issues that are a result of neglect of this condition. On the care resource documents provided, you will find product recommendations to aid prevention.
8. We work closely with our vet to ensure the health of our puppies. They have been administered all of the shots and de-wormings that are indicated on our shot records. We will only indicate the shots that your puppy has had. Please be aware that they have had these shots, and we strongly encourage the purchaser to continue to administer shots as recommended by your veterinarian. Giving too many immunizations and/or ignoring the immunizations that have been given can also be harmful to your puppy's health.
9. Although Mollie's Maltese does everything we can to ensure the health of our puppies (*for their own sake and for the sake of our positive reputation*), our health guarantee does not apply to "kennel cough," coccidia, diarrhea, collapsed trachea, giardia, open fontanel, hernias, parasites, or any complication from a spay or neuter. There's also a possibility that, even with two healthy parents (and if it's Mollie's Maltese—they will be), puppies may over time develop certain dental issues (e.g. underbite) and/or luxating patella (which is somewhat common in small breeds). Since teeth can shift with time and since patella luxation can also occur due to environmental factors, we are not responsible for either of these conditions. We encourage purchasers to consult with a licensed veterinarian and carefully consider whether or not any illness found is treatable through reasonable means before taking the drastic step of initiating a return. (*Initial: \_\_\_\_\_*)



A puppy's health is dependent on a host of factors like genetics, exercise, food and nourishment, and overall care. If something does go wrong, Mollie's Maltese will strive to help, even if our guarantee doesn't cover it. While we are not veterinarians and won't/can't offer advice that only a licensed veterinarian is capable of giving, and while we cannot guarantee that your puppy will never have a health problem, we do guarantee that we have *and* will do our best to ensure your new family member is a healthy one! (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

**BREEDER'S CHOICE** (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

As Mollie's Maltese continues to increase our standards and establish a bloodline, I understand that Mollie's Maltese has ultimate first pick of every litter, regardless of one's place on the waiting list (i.e. we reserve the right to keep any dog for our breeding program and the customer would have their pick of the remaining available puppies, based on their place on the waiting list).

Further, I have communicated with the breeder and understand my place on the waiting list (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

**REFUNDS/RETURNS** (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

Mollie's Maltese encourages every prospective owner to carefully consider what is involved with owning and maintaining a Maltese. Not only are we willing to talk you through many of the details, but also provide you with outlined documents, explaining tips for care, grooming, etc. There is no "cooling off" period after purchase. All sales are final and no refund will be issued for any reason other than those outlined under the Health Guarantee. ***In other words, only an applicable health defect made known by licensed veterinarian (through the proper channels and within the timeframe outlined in this contract) would be cause for refund.***

Should any purchaser (or a purchaser's family member, if the purchaser happens to pass away before the dog) realizes he/she can no longer adequately care for their Maltese, has to move to a place where dogs are not allowed, or any other unfortunate circumstance, Mollie's Maltese requests to be a first contact to take back the puppy/adult dog before any rehoming occurs. We never ever want any of Mollie's Maltese to end up in a shelter for any reason!

**FOLLOW-UP** (Initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

After you take your puppy home, we are still available to you as a resource. We care very much what happens to our puppies once they leave our care; we also care about the amazing people who have adopted our beloved little ambassadors. We are only a phone call or e-mail away and are here to help in any way that we can. We also strive for 5-star service worthy of a positive Google review and a continued positive relationship as your puppy grows into adulthood. We hope all new owners of our puppies will consider staying in touch from time to time.





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First & Last Name of Purchaser (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (including ZIP code):

\_\_\_\_\_

Sex and Breed of puppy for which you made a deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Full listed price of puppy for which you made your deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deposit is credited toward total purchase price*

Date of anticipated pick-up/delivery (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the entire puppy policy and agree to its statutes, having initialed each section, verifying my understanding of each section. I understand that Mollie's Maltese will uphold their end of this agreement and I will uphold my end. I understand that any health issue of merit will be disclosed to me in writing on an addendum to this contract. **I understand the deposit is non-refundable for any reason, including a change of mind.** I pledge to give my new puppy from Mollie's Maltese a good pet-only home, giving him/her the care needed for a long and happy life.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mollie's Maltese Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Mollie's Maltese Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

