

# EL DORADO ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## BREEDING PROCEDURES & CONTRACT

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*At El Dorado Animal Hospital, we are committed to providing the highest quality care and services to our patients and clients. Our main priority will always be the health and well-being of our patients. To be considered for breeding services at El Dorado Animal Hospital we do have requirements that must be met.*

### Age & Vaccine Requirements

Dogs should not be bred until fully mature and able to complete the necessary health testing for their breed. In most breeds this occurs at two years of age. Small/Toy breed dogs do mature faster than larger breed dogs and we recognize that there are some smaller breed dogs that can complete all necessary health requirements at a younger age. We will not breed any dogs less than 1 year of age regardless of size. Large breed dogs should not be bred until after 2 years of age. Both male & female must be up to date on Rabies (yearly) & Bordetella (every 6 months) vaccinations prior to or at the first appointment.

### Ovulation Timing/Breeding Service Requirements

The most accurate way to predict the fertile days is to sample the blood of the female during her heat cycle and measure the level of the hormone progesterone.

Following the progesterone changes allows you to know precisely when she ovulates, and therefore when her best breeding times are, and when she is likely to deliver. It also allows for accurate calculation of the due date, which is especially important if a caesarian section is expected.

The first blood sample is collected when the female first goes into heat, providing a baseline level. For most females we wait about 7 days, and then start measuring progesterone every other day. The best breeding days are calculated based on the hormone level and the type of insemination that is planned.

### Success of Reproductive Services

Due to the nature of services provided, success cannot be guaranteed. Even when ovulation timing is performed and procedures go as planned, pregnancy may still not occur for various reasons beyond anyone's control. When this occurs, additional testing may be recommended. A referral to a board-certified reproductive specialist (theriogenologist) in Louisiana or Texas may be a better option for you if pregnancy can not be achieved for you here.

### Cost Breakdown of Surgical Insemination

Required Breeding Consult	\$60.00
Progesterone Test (2-4 usually done)	\$60.20/each (2-4 usually done)
Manual Semen Collection	\$75.00
Semen Evaluation (Cytology)	\$25.00
Artificial Insemination (Surgical)	\$200.00
Anesthesia	\$40.00
Antisedan	\$36.00
Ultrasound (Pregnancy Confirmation)	\$100.00 (elective/exam included)
Radiographs (X-rays for puppy count)	\$122.00 (elective/exam included)
Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork	\$75.00 (elective)
Minimal Cost	\$555.40 - \$972.40

### **C-Section Availability**

Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm. With that being said, we do not offer after hours or weekend emergencies. We can schedule a C-Section at the time of your Surgical Insemination however, it is impossible to pinpoint when a dog will go into labor. Please have a backup plan in place with another veterinarian in the event that your female goes in labor outside of our normal business hours.

### **C-Section Cost**

C-Section	\$400.00
Anesthesia	\$40.00
Antisedan	\$36.00
Oxytocin	\$20.00
Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork	\$75.00 (elective)
Antibiotics	\$50.00
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Minimal Cost	\$496.00 - \$621.00

### **Denial of Reproductive Services Due to Animal Health/Temperament**

Please know that while reproductive services are offered, we do reserve the right to deny these services for a variety of reasons that may include, but is not limited to the following:

- The breeding of aggressive animals
- Animal is in suboptimal condition

### **Denial of Reproductive Services as a Result of Unacceptable Owner Behavior**

At El Dorado Animal Hospital, we pride ourselves on being a practice that values and supports responsible breeders. We strive for a mutually respectful and positive relationship between our breeding clients, our doctors, and our staff. Our staff greatly enjoys interacting with the many different breeds that we see and learning about each one. It is impossible, even for our veterinarians, to know and have been taught everything about every breed. We hope that you can play a role in educating our staff about your respective breed(s) and the goals of your breeding program. Please realize that often, reproductive services are emergent or last minute, which does cause strain on our schedule and often leads to staff staying late or working through their lunches. Our staff is happy to do this for clients that treat them with respect and are appreciative. However, the opposite also holds true. Our services are dependent on the help of our entire team. While we wish this were not necessary to have as part of our breeder application, we must notify you that we will immediately cease services for those that become disrespectful with any member of our team.

**Please initial the following statements and sign at the bottom in agreement with our breeding policies here at El Dorado Animal Hospital.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the provided information and understand that the results of reproductive services have no guarantees of success due to multiple factors that can affect fertility.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that these services are offered at the discretion of our doctors/staff and can be denied.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a mutual level of professionalism and respect is expected toward our staff and any disrespect toward a member of our team may result in termination of services provided at El Dorado Animal Hospital.

\_\_\_\_\_ All prices listed are minimums and can increase should unforeseen circumstances arise during surgeries & procedures.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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