



## Capital Poms --- 2025-2026 New Owner Application

*Print, fill in, scan or take a pic and send back*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Type of residence: **Own** \_\_ **Rent** \_\_ **Condo** \_\_ **Single Fam** \_\_
  - *If you **rent**, are Dogs allowed in your rental agreement? Yes/No? \_\_\_\_\_*
  - *Regardless of your home – are you in a position to walk the dog **OR** at a minimum be in the fenced backyard with him? \_\_\_\_\_*
5. Do you understand that your puppy is **not** sold with breeding rights and will need to be spayed/neutered? Ideally done by 7mo. so that will need to be budgeted, do you agree? \_\_\_\_\_
6. You will need to continue the pups vaccination schedule, this means additional costs during the first year of the pups life. Have you budgeted for this and do you Agree? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have dog allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ \* *If Yes, are you prepared to for a dog that sheds? Typically blows coat 2x a year with random shedding all year – less if you brush more \_\_\_\_\_*
8. Have you ever owned a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you have young children? \_\_\_\_\_ are you prepared to guide the interaction between the dog and child? \_\_\_\_\_
10. In the contract there are stipulations to **never** re-home or putting a Capital Pom pup in a shelter or with a rescue. If you can no longer care for the dog you are to contact us **immediately**. This includes new life changes (new baby, new allergies, and/or care for elderly parents). Can you agree to this? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you prepared to train the pup? \_\_\_\_\_ \* *will you keep an eye on the pup, keep him safe as he grows, with obedience and lifestyle training to your needs? \_\_\_\_\_*
12. Any other dogs in the house? \_\_\_\_\_ Are they spayed/Neutered? \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, What breeds are they and ages? \_\_\_\_\_



## Capital Poms Wait List or Selection

### *2025/26 Puppy Reservation (deposit) Fee*

The way the process works is:

- You are placed on the list in the order that we receive your deposit. **I will confirm your spot after deposit is received.**
- When puppies are born and are old enough to determine eye color (normally at 4-5 weeks), we will price them and offer them to our waitlist - in order. You are welcome to pass and go to the next litter.
- Your deposit is non-refundable and goes toward the cost of your puppy.
- Breeder has the right of first pick of any litter to ensure the line is continued and if an outside Stud is used, that Breeder/Owner has second pick of litter.
- You might not need to be on a wait list – and thus pick the pup directly – this deposit secures that specific puppy for you.

On this day, documented below, Donna M. Bernier seller (aka Capital Poms) received \$500 as a non-refundable reservation fee from Buyer, name as documented below, towards payment of the purchasers' choice of puppy per planned breeding schedule (note: dates are estimates) to secure a spot on the wait list

**OR**

You have selected a specific puppy and are placing a deposit for that specific pup, named: Black/White Male (Chanel & Yogi litter) Ralph Lauren

Deposits accepted via Cash App, Paypal (**friends and family, or you must add an additional 4% to what you send**) or Zelle (we prefer zelle) to dbernier01@hotmail.com or CapPoms@mail.com or 703-403-4747 Final amount can be payable via the above apps or cash.

**Signature & Reservation (deposit) indicates acceptance of contract terms & conditions:**

Seller (Print Name): Donna M. Bernier Date: 2/1/26 Signature: Donna M. Bernier

Buyer (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### Financial Summary – **and additional costs to consider:**

Is Shipping/Transport needed? **Yes or No** If you need air or ground transport you are responsible for the additional cost, I will not mark it up, I just pass the cost on to you. Summary of costs are as follows:

- **Air Transport:**
  - A. **Air Cargo** (under plane in cargo) Costs approx. \$300+ cost of health certificate \$175 & Crate \$50 For a estimated total of \$525. Please note not all Airlines are doing this since COVID. Others have restricted routes depending on weather. **I will pay this and add it to the total cost of your purchase.**
  - B. **Flight nanny** who flies the pup to you can cost approx. \$575 or if you live on the West Coast, \$775+. I will coordinate with my trusted Nanny and on the day of travel I bring pup to airport then they fly to you and You meet them at your airport, and you pay the flight nanny Cash\$, in person at the airport when they hand you your pup. I like this option the best and have used it many times. Please note that the Nannies typically fly standby to keep cost lower otherwise they can purchase a ticket and pass that cost onto you.
  - C. **Self Flight** You can also fly to one of our 3 local DC airports and I can meet you at the airport and you can fly back home with the pup in the cabin with you – the airlines charge approx. \$125 for this in cabin option, in addition to your flight cost. You will need a small under the seat pup bag, and you call the airlines to make the pup reservation and you pay the fee yourself directly to the airlines. With lower costs flights, especially during the week when booked in advance, this might be an option for you.
  - D. **Personal delivery** I can also personally fly the pup to you but it take coordination on both our parts to get a low cost flight as this cost is passed on to you.
- **Personal transport**, If you live within a ½ days drive of Washington DC and would like me to personally delivery your pup we need to arrange prior to the final payment. I often meet the family and charge a flat rate of \$50 to cover my gas, time, and expenses to drive the pup to you.
- You can continue to make on-going payments (installments) after your \$500 deposit towards the total purchase price of your Pom, just so **all is paid in full 3 days before pickup**; especially if a flight nanny is used, unless prior arrangements have been made. Should payment in full not be received when the puppy has turned 8 weeks old, Capital Poms has the right to re-sell the pup.
- Please note – we expect the pups to go home after 8 weeks but no later than 12 weeks. Please communicate with us if you need other arrangements. **If you need us to hold your pup past 11 weeks there will be an additional charge for boarding, vet care, and training.**
- I will send the pup home with a care package – complete with the food and treats they are currently using, vet check and vaccine records, a detailed booklet with all things breed related, 30-days of Trupainon Pet insurance (in the event of an emergency or non-vaccine vet appointment), a toy, and a blanket with mom and littermate smells on it, plus other various items as I am able to source. **All you will need to buy a 19-24” wire crate and food/water bowls.**



## Capital Poms – 2025/26 New Owner Contract

**The following contract provides contract specific language in the first column.**

**And in the second column I have provided an explanation.**

No need for a lot of contract language and politics – after all .....

*at Capital Poms, we don't do Politics we do Puppies!*

Contract Information:	Explanation:
<p>Within 72 hrs. of receiving the pup you will see a Veterinarian to confirm health of puppy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Poms will provide any shot and Veterinarian records so you can bring them to your Veterinarian.</li> <li>• Capital Poms will have administered 2 de-wormings at 6 &amp; 8 weeks of age.</li> <li>• You are then to follow additional shot and de-worming schedule set forth by your Veterinarian.</li> </ul> <p>If your Veterinarian finds anything wrong with a Capital Poms pup you must have the Veterinarian send me written documentation of the diagnose or a necropsy should the puppy die. Capital Poms is providing a one-year health guarantee for genetic defects at which point you can return the puppy and obtain another in its place. Grade 1-2 innocent heart murmurs that resolve or undescended testicles that would be removed when neutered, are not genetic and are not a genetic health issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the Capital Poms Pup was getting ready to leave me, to go to you, its new family, I took the pup to my Veterinarian (North Oatlands Veterinary and Canine Reproductive Hospital) at that time the Veterinarian checked out the pup and provided a certificate of health. Meaning that the pup is healthy and ready to go to its new home.</li> <li>• After taking possession of the puppy, the future health, wellness, and associated costs of that care of the puppy is the responsibility of you, the new owner.</li> <li>• All pups can have worms. That is why the pups must be administered several rounds of de-worming treatment from the vet. This is common, it does not mean the pup is sick. Giardia, Roundworm, Coccidia, and other worm and parasites exist in the grass and ground water and are common, thus treated via Vet prescribed de-wormer medications.</li> <li>• We have dewormed your pet two-times – that should be enough, but your vet will advise you if additional stool testing and dewormer is needed.</li> </ul>
<p>You are to secure a Veterinarian and obtain the necessary care to include vaccinations and deworming. Then each year thereafter under the guidance of your Veterinarian you will have annual check-up with your Veterinarian which will include booster shots, stool samples, etc. and as the new owner are obligated to cover costs from point of possession of the puppy and going forward for the rest of its life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the first year you will bring the pup to the Veterinarian several times for its initial series of shots and de-worming.</li> <li>• A young puppy cannot be fully vaccinated or dewormed before you bring it home; therefore, you are responsible for the Veterinarian care which includes vaccines, flea/tick preventative, and the cost to spay/neuter the dog.</li> <li>• It's your dog, you are responsible for the cost of all care and treatment.</li> </ul>
<p>Changes in food and water can affect the puppy and cause them to have diarrhea. If your pup has diarrhea after you get it to your house it can</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your new pup will go home with a sample of Puppy food to hold you over until you can get to the pet store.</li> </ul>



<p>be because of: Stress, change of food, change in water. Talk to your Veterinarian for diarrhea calming support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Should you want to switch to another brand of puppy food, that is fine, but it is highly suggested that you make that switch <u>very gradually</u> to avoid giving the puppy diarrhea.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At approximately six months, or a date advised by the Veterinarian, the pup will get spayed/neutered.</li> <li>● A financial fine will be assessed for lack of compliance should the pup be bred - Should the pup be bred, the owner shall pay Capital Poms a breach of contract fee of \$5,000, the additional cost for a Breeding Contract not to exceed \$2000, and 75% of all revenue made from pups. Then, when your vet deems safe, you will Spay/Neuter the dog. Any legal issues regarding breach of contract will be addressed in the courts based in Loudoun County, VA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This contract is a spay/neuter contract.</li> <li>● You will bear the cost of the spay/neuter.</li> <li>● Just because they are cute, not all pups are quality breeding dogs, furthermore in an attempt to reduce the potential for any Capital Poms pup sold or offspring of that pup to be placed in a shelter or rescue, we seek to limit Breeding contracts to established breeders only or those under a mentor relationship with an established breeder.</li> <li>● If your situation changes and you just can't live without having a pup from your pup, just reach out and discuss it with us. We are here to help and provide advice. This includes having an accidental litter. Let's talk so I can understand and so you are not in breach of contract.</li> </ul>
<p>Limit your new pups exposure to unknown pets or environments, whereby sick pets or wild animals may have roamed. Areas to keep the puppy away from are Pet stores, dog parks, other dogs that you do not know, and even your own neighborhood sidewalk, <u>until your pup is fully immunized</u>. If for any reason you let the pup walk around the airport, pet store, or in your neighborhood before it has been seen by the Veterinarian or if you choose not to see the Veterinarian then you cannot hold Capital Poms liable for any unforeseen illness the pup catches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Your pup never left my house except to go to the vet as I wanted to keep it healthy.</li> <li>● I know pups get sick. So do people. When the pup had its check up with the Capital Poms Veterinarian it was healthy. No reason for it not to continue to be healthy.</li> <li>● I know it's exciting to want to take your pup everywhere and show it off; however, you should treat this pup like it was a newborn baby and not expose it to virus and germs until it's immune system can handle it.</li> <li>● Talk to your Veterinarian if you have additional questions about exposure to bad puppy virus like Parvo, Lyme, etc.</li> <li>● I am sending you home with 30days of <b>Trupanion pet insurance</b> for any bumps, bruises, or illness they might encounter during the first 30 days.</li> </ul>
<p>Capital Poms is not responsible for anything that happens to the pup once it is out of our care; therefore, by following this contract and helpful hints, as the owner of said pup, you are responsible for the pup and will raise and nurture the pup.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This means you will care for the puppy. Train it, feed it nutritious food, and help it to grow into a strong, well-tempered, and healthy dog.</li> <li>● However, like humans, even the most genetically healthy family tree can see illness based on the environment the pup lived in, the food, etc. hence Capital Poms cannot be held responsible for random normal dog illnesses.</li> </ul>
<p>All our breeding dogs are Embark DNA and genetic health tested. Embark tests for over 270 known canine health afflictions, some only affect certain breeds; whereby others can affect any dog. We do this to ensure we do not breed two dogs together with the same genetic issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you opt-in to prescribe your pup the <b>NuVet vitamins</b> that we suggest, the Health guarantee will be good for 3 years vs 1 year.</li> <li>● NuVet vitamins help with a growing pups immune system and helps them stay healthy. Plus it augments what the food or kibble might be lacking.</li> </ul>



<p>Some might be a carrier which is OK just as long as they are not bred to another carrier. We offer a one year genetic health guarantee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All our dogs are on them for life and now that a few are getting older we are transitioning them to the ones for Senior dogs to help their joints.</li> <li>● Please use the code and information provided in the red folder to sign up.</li> </ul>
<p>You must invest time in your new puppy. This includes training. Look in your local area for a puppy class as well as obedience training. You should also continue to train this pup for the rest of its life as it's exposed to new things. Just because it's no longer a puppy does not mean it stops learning. I recommend crate training. It will help house break the pup and provide a safe place away from hazards when you can't keep an eye on it. It is advised that for several months, when you can't keep an eye on the puppy, it should be in its crate. <b>Think: Crate, pee outside, play and eat time, pee outside, crate</b> – and repeat! You must teach them right from wrong, which includes how to find the door to pee or how to walk on a leash. Capital Poms pups are exposed to the pee pad and will use them, but they do not come housebroken in that it can hold its pee/poop. It is up to you to train the pup.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Puppies are like babies and they should be trained.</li> <li>● This is a great opportunity for you to bond with your puppy and for it to see you as a pack leader and someone it can trust.</li> <li>● It is not recommended to keep a new pup in its crate all day. A new pup cannot hold itself that long. You will need to establish a schedule that enables the pup to go outside every few hours at a minimum, otherwise, leave a pee pad for the pup OR get a mid-day dog walked to let the dog out to pee</li> <li>● Also understand that puppies like to chew so make sure your house is puppy proofed which includes hiding TV and Phone Cords.</li> <li>● But please be patient with the puppy, because during the training process, it might pee in your house....maybe many times, and maybe it might even eat a shoe or some other personal item. So, puppy proof your house to protect the puppy and your stuff.</li> </ul>
<p>If you need to re-home the pup you will contact Capital Poms. Do not surrender the puppy to a shelter or a rescue. Call me, and together we will come up with a solution that is in the best interest of the pup. No refund is given unless it is a hereditary (genetic) defect that is life threatening – in which case will we take this puppy back and replace that pup with another of similar markings and price. If you want to keep this puppy, then Capital Poms is not responsible for the cost of care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breeders, like Capital Poms, who follow the breeder guidelines do not want to see shelters with Poms in them; therefore, if for any reason you cannot keep your puppy please contact Capital Poms. This contract is not transferable. Do not give your Capital Poms to anyone else.</li> <li>● In addition, I will receive genetic and DNA testing from Embark on the parents (Dam/Sire) which will enable me avoid creating genetic issues that could be passed down to the puppies.</li> </ul>
<p>Capital Poms cannot guarantee the final size and weight of your puppy. Based on our experience, the bone structure of the pup, and the weight of the pup at certain weeks of age, we can only provide an estimate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Most of our Poms will be between 5-10 pounds. But based on eating and lifestyle a Pom might be bigger or smaller than expected. Also <b>Poms</b> are not overeaters but they do like snacks, so an overfed dog is a bigger dog.</li> </ul>
<p>Capital Poms cannot guarantee the final color of fur or eyes of your puppy. While eye color is typically known by 5-7 weeks the fur color</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Your Poms eyes might be greyish/blueish and turn color but most are brown.</li> <li>●</li> </ul>



can continue to change once the adult fur comes in.	
The reservation fee/deposit of \$500 is non-refundable and is intended to reserve the Capital Poms puppy you want. It will be applied towards the purchase price of the dog you selected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reservation fee is non-refundable because that pup was saved for you and only you and now Capital Poms will have to go thru the marketing and homing process again. However, if you decide you do not want that pup and want to wait for the next litter, your deposit is transferable to the next litter.</li> </ul>

### **Exhibit A - Other important items to consider**

I am not going to tell you how to raise your dog. It will become your personal property and hopefully a lifelong companion. But if you are new to puppy ownership, I do have some suggestions:

- If you rent, and do not own your home, you should have received permission from your landlord to have this dog in your home.
- You know that a Pom is double coated and can shed.
- The Pom is not considered a hypoallergenic dog. Hopefully, there are no allergic to dog people in your house.
- Consider getting a bell to put at the door that you will take your new pup out to pee/poop. I often will put a puppy peep pad at that door too. I will also shake the bells and say.... “want to go out”. Soon your pup will go to the door on their own and ring the bell with their nose. Praise your pup and let it know it’s amazing!
- Crate training is not cruel – it’s a wonderful thing. Dogs are pack animals and their ancestors live in dens. The crate is its den. It will feel safe in it. Think: Crate, pee outside, play and eat time, pee outside, crate – and repeat! Just don’t leave a new pup unattended.
- This might not work for you, but it did for me over the years. I keep my new pup with me in its crate at night right next to or on my bed. When the pup whines at night I can put my hand in the crate and say “shhhhhh.....shhhhhh”. Also, if the pup must go out to pee, I can quickly get it out of the crate and carry it to the door or pee pad.
- Poms are not known to overeat, so I leave a bowl of food and fresh water for them. Just make sure the pup gets to go outside after eating or drinking. I also suggest that you limit the pups’ access to food/water before bedtime when in the house breaking phase.
- Puppies teeth and when they do they like to bite. They may bite your fingers, just say no and walk away. I also use “Bitter Apple” and spray it on furniture if they start to chew on it. Keep toys and chew bones for the puppy to chew on.
- Puppies need to be taken care of like little babies. But as they grow they can lose their cuteness and resemble a child in the middle of a terrible two temper tantrum. We call this the terrible teen years – but they do grow out of it!