

Males or Females...The Great Debate

I found this on the internet and agree with what the breeder is saying. I also had to come to the same realization since breeding. Before that, all my life, I just had to have a female. I think I have truly missed out.

I thought I would throw this out to perspective buyers who just want a female and won't consider a male, therefore, missing out on getting a puppy out of a litter. With collies, you have color and variety that sometimes play a part. The puppy is the right color, but not the right sex. Hum, maybe more consideration should be given to a male.

A breeder's perspective from the internet.

MALE VS FEMALE, the age-old debate. I realize that each person has their individual reference, and each personality of each dog is different, but you should never count out a male.

If it were up to me and I was not breeding, I would have all males. People often want females because they are "more laid back" than males. I have to say that is totally untrue. Most of the time my males are more easy going than my girls. Females are usually the leaders of the pack. They tend to be more bossy than the males and more independent.

I have also noticed that my females are very territorial of areas they think of as theirs. None of my males, stake claim on a certain area of the bed or a favorite toy like my females do. Also, I have seen a couple of females that will also mark their territory by peeing in the house just like the males get blamed for.

Females can also be horribly moody, going from happy to ornery ...in just a flash of seconds. Usually if a fight breaks out it is between 2 of my females and never my males. Remember; there is a reason they call girls "bitches" LOL.

Also, on top of all that you have the cycles of the female to deal with if not spayed. This can be very messy and time consuming as you have to guard your female extra carefully during this time if you are not breeding them.

Also, in most cases you can plan on spending more on a female because of their breeding capabilities. Males on the other hand are very loyal and protective and bond very well to you. They are less territorial than females are and can adapt much more quickly than a female to new situations. If a male is neutered early or trained carefully, they will not lift their legs. This seems to be the most common complaint I hear about males. This training is not as hard as people make it out to be.

Now outside is another matter as full intact males will mark their territory. But goodness sake it is "outside" after all. Sometimes it does not matter what a breeder says, people are just stuck on females. But you really should take into consideration what your breeder is telling you would be the better pet for you.