

Cost of Raising A Litter (CDN)

Pre-Breeding Health Checks - Hip and Elbow Xrays	\$350
OFA x-ray evaluations	\$ 50
CERF eye exam (annual).....	\$ 45
Eye results registration...(annual).....	\$ 15
EIC DNA test	\$100
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CNM DNA test	\$ 80
Breeding Costs -	
Pre-breeding health checkup.....	\$ 40
Brucellosis Test.....	\$ 65
Progesterone Testing	\$120
Stud Fee..... natural.....	\$1000
Ultrasound to confirm pregnancy.....	\$ 100
Post-Whelping Checkup.....	\$ 50
Puppy Care Costs (per litter)	
ave 8 pups	
Dewormer.....	\$ 100
Supplements (ie milk replacer).....	\$ 35
Vaccination/ Vet Checks.....	\$400
Food	\$300
Cleaning Supplies	\$200
Whelping Box Bedding	\$ 50
Microchip/Tattoo (\$20 x 8)	\$160
Puppy Toys.....	\$ 50
Other	
Litter Registration.....	\$ 25
Individual Reg/Transfer (\$50 x 8).....	\$400
Puppy Kit Supplies (\$50 x 8).....	\$400
Paperwork (manual, pedigrees, etc).....	\$150

\$4300

This does not include ANY costs related to keeping the dam (feeding, training, competition), specific breeding expenses such as travel or shipping of dam to the sire or artificial insemination costs, nor does it include costs such as construction of a whelping box, advertising, fuel to and from vet visits, possible emergency expenses such as C-sections (around \$1500) or other injury/illness, etc.... or the most expensive consideration of all - TIME to raise the puppies, who require 24 hour a day supervision and care.

Factoring in a modest wage of \$500 per week x 8 weeks from birth until the puppies go home - that's another \$4000, and for an average litter of 8 puppies, this would mean that the **total cost incurred by the breeder is over \$1000 per puppy.**

