

### What Goes Into Having A Bullmastiff and Having A Litter Of Puppies

- Purchase show puppy \$2500-3500
- Raise puppy to adulthood \$? Depends what you feed and issues that may or may not arise
- Show puppy to Championship or Working titles \$3000-\$10,000 depending on dog, judges, training, handler etc. and could be more
- Perform health clearances needed prior to breeding \$300-\$500 OFA Hips and Elbows, \$450-\$500 PennHip xrays, \$60-\$250 Heart exam by Cardiologist, \$35-\$100 Eye exam by Ophthalmologist, \$150 Optigen PRA eye test
- If they fail health clearances you don't get your money back and they shouldn't be bred so you spay/neuter \$600 and then maybe sell them to a pet home for \$2000-\$2500
- They Passed and you move onto breeding:
- Progesterone testing needs to be done to know optimal time for breeding \$100-\$500 depending on how many you have to run at \$100 each
- AI supplies if you do it yourself \$15 per AI, if you have vet do it \$150-\$200 per AI
- Surgical Insemination \$800-\$1800
- Trans Surgical \$600-\$1000
- Ultrasound at 30 days post breeding \$65-\$150
- If she's pregnant great!! If not you don't get all the money you spent doing the breeding back
- Xray pregnant dog at day 50 post breeding \$80-\$100 to count puppies
- C-Section \$1200-\$2000 (most bullmastiffs need sections because they are prone to uterine inertia)
- Most moms don't produce enough milk for puppies so milk replacer \$60-\$300 depending on size of litter
- Hours you will put in feeding, stimulating to potty, cleaning, etc in first 2 weeks because bullmastiffs can't be left alone with their puppies as they will lay on them or ignore them . Not even possible to put a dollar amount on this but if you work a full time job plan on taking a minimum of 2 full weeks off from work to care for the puppies and ultimately probably more like 3 weeks or you will have to pay someone to do it for you. Feedings every 2 hours for first 2 weeks!
- If all goes well then you will be feeding them real food at 3-4 weeks of age and the price of that depends on what you're feeding and how many puppies. For me I grind raw meat and bones for my litters and by 5-6 weeks of age they will eat 10lb or more per day!!! Which costs \$32 per week and that doesn't include the time it takes me to grind it or the organ meat and veggies I add to it.
- Microchipping each puppy \$20 per puppy
- Registering litter with akc \$40-\$150 depending on size of litter
- Puppy vet checks \$20 per puppy
- Puppy vaccine and wormings \$20-\$30 per puppy
- Now if heartache strikes and all the puppies or the majority of puppies pass away before 8 weeks of age then you don't get your money back for everything you've put into it.
- If extreme heartache strikes and your bitch becomes ill or passes away, it's a pain that I can't even begin to describe and your heart will never mend from it.
- **This gives you a glimpse of what it takes to raise a bullmastiff to possible breeding age and get a litter, along with an explanation of why bullmastiffs cost what they cost.**