

LITTERMATE SYNDROME

WHY WE DON'T ADOPT MORE THAN 1 PUPPY TO THE SAME HOME

Littermate Syndrome can affect any puppies close in age, even if they're not from the same litter. These puppies can become overly dependent on each other and struggle to thrive and bond with their people.

This often leads to increased behavior challenges and higher return rates when puppies hit adolescence.



? WHAT IS LITTERMATE SYNDROME?

It occurs when puppies (from the same or different litters) close in age form an intense bond with each other instead of with their people. They rely on each other for comfort and confidence, making it hard for them to thrive and form healthy bonds with humans.



This can lead to anxiety, frustration, and **difficulty bonding with people**, learning independence, and reaching their full potential.

! SIGNS MAY INCLUDE:

-  Separation anxiety
-  Fearfulness or insecurity
-  Difficulty learning or focusing
-  Increased reactivity or stress
-  Challenges with socialization
-  Stronger bond with the other puppy and less interest in people

WHAT CAN HAPPEN?



They rely on each other instead of you.



More anxiety when separated – even briefly.



Harder to train and build confidence.



Higher risk of behavior issues as they grow.

OUR POLICY

We adopt puppies one at a time so they can bond with you, build confidence, and grow into their best selves.

ONE PUPPY. ONE FAMILY. A LIFETIME OF LOVE.

Adopting one puppy at a time gives them the best chance to become the amazing companion you've been looking for.

 *Thank you for understanding!*

Where every dog fits in.

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