

# The Cost of (Ethical) Breeding

Keep in mind that breeding (when done right) is **not a profitable venture**. Good breeders work mainly in the interest of **bettering the breed**. Let's take the Dalmatian, for example.

The following estimates are low-end and only account for basic treatments. It's very common that extra help (and extra cost) is required before, during, and after pregnancies.

Don't breed until both parents are **minimum** two years old.

## Before Pregnancy

<b>Parents</b>	Each Parent	-\$3,000
<b>Basics</b>	Food	-\$1,200
	Vaccines & Wellness	-\$1,900
	General Gear	-\$200
<b>Tests</b>	BAER (hearing)	-\$15
	OFA Hip/PennHIP	-\$45
	OFA Thyroid	-\$15
	ACVO Eye	-\$15
	Brucellosis	-\$100
	Vaccines & Wellness	-\$200
		<b>-\$10,080</b>

Recommended Tests for Breeding **per parent** (Dalmatian-specific)

If ANY test results are poor, the dogs **should not be bred**.

This is the estimated cost **before the dogs are even ready to breed!**

Emergency C-Sections are more common in certain breeds. However, **all breeders** should have the ability to fund this lifesaving surgery if needed.

## During Pregnancy

<b>Before Birth</b>	Food for Mom	-\$300
	Heat/AC, Cleaning, Kennel	-\$300
	Office Visit, Bloodwork	-\$350
	Ultrasound, X-Rays	-\$700
	Emergency C-Section (maybe)	-\$2,000
<b>After Birth</b>	Food for Mom	-\$300
	Deworming (per pup)	-\$400
	First Vax (per pup)	-\$100
	Wellness Check (per pup)	-\$100
		<b>-\$15,630</b>

This doesn't account for the possible C-section. If required, the total would be -\$17,630.

## Profit & Loss

<b>Total Cost</b>	Pregnancy	-\$15,630	<b>Total Cost -\$15,630</b>
	Website & Marketing	-\$?	
	Personal Time & Sleepless Nights	-\$?	
	Time Off Work (4-5 Months)	-\$?	
<b>Total Profit</b>	Each Puppy at \$3,000 (6 puppies)	+\$18,000	<b>Total Profit +\$2,370</b>

This **assumes** all puppies:  
A) Are healthy  
B) Actually sell

A generous profit, as it doesn't account for many factors. At **\$2,370 profit** this equates to about **\$3 per hour. No thanks.**