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With APBT you get what you pay for.

Regarding the price you pay.

Something to think about – don't go in blind.

These days ... you daily find on APBT Facebook post "I am looking for an APBT puppy" ... wait for it here it comes
I only have R 800.00 or what ridiculous "offer".

So ... the buyer dictated the price – by this enticing more and more backyard breeders to breed these pups for "this" market.

Then again – wait for ithere it comes
Looking for an APBT puppy in this town "or that town, city or province"
not much to choose from then?

I suppose then "any pit-bull will do (half fox terrier mutt will do as well)
– but ... if you as buyer or "real APBT fancier" are serious about "this breed" and really looking for "the real deal" - "the real well-bred registered pure bred APBT dog ... from sought after lineage and from a performing proven pedigree... "any" pit-bull puppy will not do.

I like to believe that a "real passionate and serious APBT owner or such an owner to be" ... (will first do their homework - will be prepared travel anywhere to see the breeders dogs set up and pups.
Will study info given on a "real acknowledge APBT breeder's website or have such a dog transported to them irrelevant of the costs – because to get "that" pup or "that" sought after proven lineage of his dreams (not just a pup).

I personally did so many a time and if I really wanted specific APBT of "good breeding" that I can't but not have - then will travel any distance at any costs without a moment of hesitation – because I know what I will be fetching.

That is if you realize the value of the breeding parents you intend obtain a pup from.

More so if one or both of the breeding dogs was topline game bred proven awesome ability dogs or from such imported dog brought into South Africa.

Just a bit of light on this subject ... A sought after direct imported offspring of a sought "world renowned proven stud or dam dog will set you back R 70000.00 or more).

Pups in South Africa ... from a "good breeding" or from a dog parent with earned title or specific bloodline will not be offered at these ridiculous prices.

A quick analysis on what you have to budgeted breeding dogs.

"Purchase price" of a relative "good breeding" with registration "pedigree in hand", health clearances, backup bloodline generation lineage and proven title dogs..... R 3500.00 – R 15000.00 +??????
Do your budgeting.

Arrival of the puppy. (Calculate if traveling and on road costs was involved).

Relatively "not over the top" preparations for "this precious new pup" to have a dedicated kennel crate or sleeping area with sleeping blankets and some toys – water and eating bowl – a nice leach and collar with a bell in it – some flea powder and a bag of "best" puppy commercial feed. You will be looking at least at +- R 1500.00 (at this stage normally you want the best for you puppy).

Time for new owner's registration.

Re registration - if your puppy came with a registration pedigree Re registration as the new owner of this dog with an APBT registry will cost you R 250.00 (the microchip registration will be needed at this time) (courier costs included).

Raising your newly purchased pup or pups from +- 8 weeks old.

Daily food & supplement and daily caring for the puppy - with a top balanced feed + supplements - will cost you a minimum R 700.00 per month – if you do not need to visit the vet.

Then to raise your pup to 2 years of age without vet visiting or medical – will cost you R 16800.00.

Looking at vet visits and medical.

Your pup normally came with a vet book and certified the first 5/1 core vaccination and worming's was done for the 8 week old age.

Off to the Vet we go - + transport expences.

Health check-up (mostly required by a registered breeder).

Be ready for the second required 5/1 core vaccination R 300.00.

A deworming – R 50.00

Be ready for a microchip if you want to re-register or want to compete with your APBT or are scared the dog "might be stolen - R 250.00 (some breeders do not do microchipping).

If it is a vet shop with all displayed puppy goodies – mmmmm ... and your wife and kids are with you.... mmmmmm add another R 800.00

Be ready for future core vaccination follow ups – without transport expenses.

After this be ready for the 3rd 5/1 core vaccination and the yearly follow up at 12 months and 24 months 3 x R 300.00 = R900.00.

Be ready for the 12 week old Rabies vaccination - + transport expenses. R 300.00 a time if not done at the state vet & a follow up at 12 months and 24 months R 600.00

Be ready for future worm control.

Each puppy should come with a certified worming at 2-4-6 week – Follow up worming's needed at 8 -10 -16 weeks and their after every 3 months up to 2 years old = 7 x 50.00 = R350.00 (without transport).

Then you might not need to see the vet for any unforeseen medical or accidental emergency ... but just for example; For treating Parvo will set you back minimum R 8000.00 at any given time ... then not to say the dog will make it.

For any other vet visit you can work on R 700.00 minimum – any one time – think of diarrhea and or other stomach – skin or teeth problems, tick fever – distemper also for any possible need of treating wounds from a yard accident.

Then you did not take kennel management in consideration;

Making your yard and kennel safe for your dog or dogs – fence walling, gates, cameras etc.

Daily use of water and electricity.

Kennel help ... If you do not do the feeding and sterilizing of the Kennel ... yard or feeding bowls daily – mornings and evenings.

Cleaning of the kennel yard ...; yep ... pick up the shit (and get rid of it)
... daily sleeping kennel – disinfectant.

Blankets (yep not blanket ... you lucky if they do not destroy a blanket).
Washing & disinfecting the blankets.

Managing fleas, flies and rats.

The dog collar, leach harness swivels etc.

Not to mention ... you cannot just leave your dog at home go away for
the weekend – also have to have a stay at home holiday if you are a
breeder.

Last but not least ... suffer the wrath of your wife... giving more
attention to the dog as to her – ha ha.

Dealing with neighbours.

Need I say more?

What would be a reasonable offered price be for a reasonable pure
bred APBT pup? R 800.00 – R 1500.00? R 3000.00 – R 8000.00? For
top quality – R10000.00 –R 2500.00? Then if looking at top quality and
pedigree performance ... more?

Come on! Just see what a fluffy type lap dog pup are offered for ... R
8000.00 – R 10000.00 each ... no joke.

I have seen these questions asked ... as recently as yesterday.

What happens to the pups if you breed your dog?

If you can't get a buyer?

What happens to the dog if you cannot afford to get or afford
professional or medical help or feeding?

A dog is a responsibility, will be your responsibility are you ready?

The fact of the matter - If you cannot afford to maintain a dog DON'T
get one – more so an APBT.

The truth of the matter is that in the world of “real APBT” you get what you pay for.

This said at Manjaro's it will be because of the Manjaro dogs we offer and their purebred status and our planned breeding style our proven family of dogs and then because of our passion to pass these awesome “real working dogs” on to the next generation and the opportunity to contribute to the APBT genepool in South Africa.

So call me a fool to offer Manjaro pups for a meager R 3500.00 – R5000.00 each (depending on the breeding dogs – a more than fare dog-man's price ... my purpose ... to fulfill Gen. 9/1. **That's it – MK.**