

As to which sex both are about equally appealing when they are spayed/ neutered.

When a male is little and you lift him up with a hand under the belly his plumbing is right there in the middle so you will probably be washing your hands whereas with a girl you may or may not. Before this last year I would have had a hard time commenting on which sex is best. We only had experience with studs and one neutered little male poodle.

This last year we kept some male poodle pups. I just love our boys. They are as loving and affectionate as any of our girls. In poodles I have 5 adult males and 2 young male pups growing up and I am in love with every one of them.

I think it's just more of a personal preference.

If you purchase a M there is research suggesting that the optimal time for neutering is 4-6 months.[ At about 7 months puberty occurs. Before the 4 months there may be some disadvantages to early neutering].

With spaying females the timing isn't as critical. There may be an advantage spaying before the first heat in terms of reduced breast cancer risk in later life.