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Finding a Dog Breeder for the Perfect Puppy

By Lee Dobbins

A good way to begin finding the "perfect puppy" is to decide what kind of dog you want. Think about what type of dog would be suitable for you and your family. A large dog? Medium? Small?

What type of temperament would you like in your dog? Enthusiastic and exuberant all the time? More independent and aloof? Something in between these two types?

What about hair length? Shorthaired dogs? Longhaired dogs? A quick tip: longhaired dogs require regular grooming and can be high maintenance.

Another thing to consider is that different dog breeds have genetic health issues.

Larger dogs are susceptible to hip dysplasia. This is a degenerative disease that affects the hip joint. When a dog with hip dysplasia matures, the hip joint and socket can no longer bear the animal's body weight. The dog will have a difficult time running, walking or even standing. The only cure for this condition is surgery.

Smaller breeds of dogs have genetic concerns of their own. Dogs that are in the "toy" breed category, such as the Pug, the Pekingese and Lhasa Apso, are prone to breathing problems. These dogs have a short muzzle (or nose), which affects sinus and nasal development. Breathing problems are oftentimes not evident in a puppy. They become apparent only as the dog matures.

Once you decide what type of dog you think you want, find people who own that kind of dog. Go to the pet store and talk to the people there. Buy some books and magazines about the dog breed you like.

Do research on the Internet about the kind of dog you are considering. There are forums online about most types of dogs where you will get all the information you want from pet owners. People love to talk about their pets!

All this background work is important to become an educated consumer BEFORE you buy your dog from a breeder.

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Now you are ready to find a reputable dog breeder. What should you look for in a dog breeder?

Honest dog breeders will be more than happy to answer every question you may have about their dogs.

Good breeders care about the dog's environment. Note if the dog breeder's facilities are clean? Are the puppies well cared for? What type of puppy food do they use? Have the puppies had their shots? Breeders should provide a complete record of the pup's healthcare since birth.

Beware of breeders who are interested only in making money. They generally don't pay much attention to their dog's emotional needs and health concerns. This type of non-caring breeder profoundly affects the kind of dogs puppies will become. A puppy-mill environment only means trouble.

If you have doubts about a breeder you are thinking of doing business with, ask around at rescue groups or animal shelters about the breeder's reputation.

Reputable breeders love their animals and go to great lengths to provide a proper environment and healthcare for their puppies. Puppies are products of their surroundings. A good, clean and caring environment will assure a happy, healthy pup.

Doing your homework first will go a long way towards finding that perfect puppy!

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Looking For A Good Dog Breeder

By Alton Hargrave

If you are interested in getting a dog, you should be interested in dog breeders.

The safest place to get a new dog would be from a dog breeder. That gives you a history or insight of the prospective dog you are interested in. You can find dog breeders in the newspaper or online. If you see a great looking dog in public, you could strike up a conversation with the owner and ask where they got their dog. Try to verify the breeders reputation. There are several methods you can use to make sure the breeder is professional, reliable and can be trusted.

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Ask the Dog Breeder for References.

A good, experienced dog breeder can provide you with references to some of his or her clients. Most people who have purchased a puppy from them would be glad to share their experiences with you. Of course, it would be even better if you locate past clients without being directed by the breeder. Not that easy, but word gets around, good or bad. Maybe some of your freinds or family have dealt with this breeder in the past.

Be Rready to Ask Questions. And, Expect to Answer Many Questions Yourself.

Good breeders are very interested in screening prospective buyers themselves. They want the puppies to go to good homes. Questions such as whether you have small children, size of your home and yard. Is the yard fenced? Have you ever owned a dog before? Do you already have a veterinarian? Can you or someone else spend the neccessary time with a very young puppy until the puppy is older? If a breeder fails to ask questions such as these, he may not care about the welfare of his puppies. Or, he may be having a hard time selling...a possible sign of other problems.

Is Price Important?

Of course! Price is important with anything you invest in. With some breeds, such as Yorkies, the price will range from a few hundred to many thousands of dollars. But, more money doesn't always mean better dog. If you are getting into the dog show scene, you would need more expensive dogs. Most of us are not interested in showing our dogs. Compare prices to decide what your needs are.

Health Guarantees

You should get some sort of health guarantee before you buy. In writing. Most breeders give only a short guarantee for health due to the many deseases a puppy faces. That is why you should take your puppy to a good vet as soon as possible. Do this before your health guarantee runs out. You will want to get your new puppy any shots he needs. Choose a vet that keeps up with the latest information involving puppy innoculations. Some of the shots given in the past are not needed today and may even be harmful.

Good breeders will take all the time you need to answer your questions. Get everything in writing when you buy and follow your dog breeders suggestions. Remember, they have the experience.

Alton Hargrave offers advice and resources for those interested in dogs. His website,

<http://Dog-Daze.net>

contains honest information regarding all breeds of dogs, deseases of dogs and

how to maintain your dog.



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