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The Ethical Responsible Puppy Buyer

By Pixiedust papillons

The responsible, ethical BUYER

We certainly hear and read multitudes of opinions of what makes a responsible papillon or phalene dog breeder (and many times those opinions are biased by the writers' backgrounds in papillons or phalenes). Rarely do you see any articles on what makes a responsible BUYER of papillons or phalenes.

Many buyers complain that they never hear back from a papillon or phalene breeder, when the buyer inquires about buying a papillon or phalene puppy for a pet. Good papillon and phalene breeders spend massive amounts of time learning about their breed, their bloodlines and host of other things in order to breed the best papillons and phalenes.

So what does a quality breeder of papillons and phalenes expect from potential buyers?

A buyer should never write and state "do you have papillon or phalene puppies for sale now and how much are they"? The breeder will not have a papillon or phalene puppy for this buyer, since the buyer has given no indication of what they are looking for in a papillon or phalene puppy. Most breeders have so many requests, that they really will not waste the time to reply with a list of questions that they need answered in order to properly respond to the buyer's request—especially when most breeder's websites already carry a list of those questions the papillon or phalene breeder needs to have answered by the buyer.

Breeders of quality papillons and phalenes will usually avoid a buyer who enthusiastically states that they are eager to learn and "have hundreds of questions". If you have that many questions about papillon or phalene dogs and puppies, then you have not done enough research—because there are a host of websites, books and videos available to help answer most of those questions. Some breeders, like here at Pixiedust Papillons and Phalenes, go to a great deal of time and trouble to provide a website to help answer questions new buyers may have. And responsible buyers will have done this research before asking a breeder for one of their puppies. A papillon or phalene breeder is just that—a breeder. They will be spending time with their dogs, shows, competitions, seminars and even building large website just to answer questions, they will not have the time or even the ability to give a potential

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buyer all their accumulated knowledge in an email. If the buyer is too lazy to learn a few things on their own, they will most likely not be a candidate for a well bred puppy. As the breeder will perceive such a buyer as one also too lazy to take proper time and care of a papillon or phalene puppy.

Ethical papillon and phalene puppy breeders are expected to take responsibility for every puppy they produce by providing a "lifetime return policy" if the buyer cannot keep the puppy for what ever reason. It is time for BUYERS to be ethical and responsible and to make a lifetime commitment to the papillon or phalene puppy that they buy. NO good breeder wants to sell a puppy to a person who wants to dodge their responsibility as pet owner. It does not matter if you have difficulty training the dog, to move or get a new job or have a divorce—as a buyer, YOU have a responsibility to care for the pet you bought. The breeder did not 'rent' the puppy to you—you bought the dog! Only under the most extreme circumstances should a buyer ever have to ask the breeder to take back a puppy.

An ethical, responsible buyer will never ask the question "is this breed good with kids".!! Instead, they will ask themselves "are my children good with pets?"!! If your toddler is an out of control brat, NO ethical breeder of papillons or phalenes will have the slightest interest in placing one of their puppies with you! No dog of any breed should be expected to tolerate pain and abuse simply because it is abused by a "child"! And Yes, I have had my own children and they were taught to be kind to animals.

And ethical buyer will be honest and say if they are wanting only a pet that they are willing to spay or neuter, or if they have intentions of breeding. Dishonest buyers try to pay a pet price and get a full registered puppy for the only reason to breed and charge as much as possible for the puppies. Such dishonest buyers want to advertise all the work the BREEDER did in showing, and health testing, to gain the highest price possible and not have any of the expense involved in that showing and health testing of the dog that they bought to breed. If you want to become a breeder, you must be prepared to put the same or more time and money into showing and health testing as the breeder of your puppy and not try to "get off cheap".

A responsible buyer will not need to ask "will a papillon or phalene puppy get along with my current pet"? How can breeders of papillons and phalenes know the temperament particulars of your current pet? It is up to you, as a buyer, to figure out if your current pet will tolerate a newcomer. Most puppies will do well with an established pet, but that does not mean the older pet will take to a puppy. And a breeder has no way to know that—only you as the buyer can determine if your pet is ready or willing to accept a new playmate.

An Ethical buyer will understand that breeders are not vets or trainers. While breeders of papillons and phalenes will have some health and training knowledge related to papillons and phalenes, a breeder will not take the place of PAID Professional help when the need arises.

Ethical buyers will not expect a breeder of papillons or phalenes to be available 24–7 for advice or "just to talk". Most papillon and phalene breeders love to hear how their puppies are doing in the buyer's home. A breeder has responsibility for the dogs and puppies they still own and their family and jobs, so expecting them to be at a buyer's beck—and–call is unrealistic at best.

Ethical, responsible breeders want ethical responsible buyers. When you are looking for your next

puppy , take some time and see if YOU meet the requirements of an ethical buyer. Include link when using this article

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Choosing A Responsible Breeder

By Kirsten Hawkins

It is an exciting time when you get to bring home a new puppy. He quickly becomes part of your family and you create a bond with lots of cuddling, trips outside and walks in the park. If buying from a breeder, you will want to be sure you choose a responsible breeder versus a backyard breeder (those who are only breeding for financial benefits).

When shopping for your new dog, there are things you need to expect from your breeder as well as some things the breeder will expect from you. If you have found a responsible breeder—which can be done through references—he or she may come across as a very nose person. This is okay, considering that the nosier breeder, the better!

>From a responsible breeder you can expect to be asked such things as your work schedule, who lives in the house with you, what your yard layout is like and the kind of friends you have that may be visiting you in your home. Although these seem like personal questions, the breeder cares what kind of home their puppy may be going to. A breeder who asks no questions and is just looking for the sale won't be able to offer you the same quality and breed of puppies as the responsible breeder will.

Another perk to buying a puppy from a responsible breeder is that you will be told the lineage that the puppy came from. In other words, you'll be privy to the father's as well as the mother's heritage, and will be given the papers to prove it. This can be an important aspect of buying a puppy because personalities, as well as health issues, are generally hereditary, and it's nice to be certain that your puppy is from good stock. Most of the time, a backyard breeder or pet store simply won't offer this type of information. In addition, pet store puppies usually come from a puppy mill—a relative breeding farm—and they are sold on a first come, first serve basis. Questions aren't asked of the buyer and no attention is paid to the puppy's welfare.

A responsible breeder will also expect the buyer to have questions and concerns of their own. A buyer should not be afraid to ask questions about this new life you will be taking into your home. Here are a few things you should ask your breeder about as well as some expectations that you should have:

- Is there a signed veterinary health certificate, plus a written health guarantee from the breeder, including one against congenital defects?

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- Are ACVO eye screening and OFA or Penn Hip certificates completed, to avoid any future problems with the puppies?
- Does the breeder have a written contract available for you to sign, specifying the rights of the seller and also the breeder's rights?
- Is all health information available and up to date?
- Can the breeder provide AKC or CKC registration papers on the puppy?
- What is the lineage of the puppies? A responsible breeder should be able to tell you lineage from generations back, as well as giving you a family tree of the puppy.

Responsible breeders will be able to help you find the puppy that is right for you and will be happy to give you tips on raising and caring for your new bundle of joy. As long as you find a responsible breeder, it's a sure thing that you'll find the perfect puppy.

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