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For any proud horse owner there comes a time when you want to mate your stallion or mare. This is an important decision. Be patient. Be prepared.

You've taken a good look at your mare and believe that she is good mating material. Plus, you are rather fond of the idea of having a baby around. It is time to begin the long, but rewarding task of find a stud for your mare.

While it may be a charming idea to let nature take its course and allow your mare to graze freely with the stud of your choice, it is always best, for the novice breeder, to seek professional advice beforehand and assistance during the mating.

First of all, take your time. Finding the right stud for your mare will give you a better chance of ending up with the type of foal you want. Be patient. Breeding a horse is expensive so be sure to understand what you are getting yourself, and your mare, into.

There are so many things to consider before proceeding.

Determine what sort of foal you want. In comparison to your mare do you want a bigger or a smaller foal? Do you want a taller or shorter foal? What purpose do you want it to fulfil? Do you want a working breed or a horse for pleasure riding? Do you want to alter any of your mare's physical or personality traits?

You need to have clear answers to all these questions in order to find the ideal stud for your mare, that is, the stud that will help produce the foal you want.

Once you've determined what you want, team up with a breeder. Search the Internet for breeders or browse breeder advertisements in horse magazines. There are many stallions available commercially

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so it is best to locate one of these. Owners of boarding facilities can often point you in the right direction. If they don't have any studs in their facility, they'll surely know of a breeder who does. Horse trainers or even your local vet are people you should talk to. Horse shows are also excellent places to find breeds of your choice and to learn more about horses and your options. If you are after a specific breed, be it Quarter horse, Arabian or Thoroughbred, a specific web search could well bring up the results you need. Many websites have directories and classifieds.

When you find a potential stud talk to people who've bred their mares to the stud, before you go ahead. Ask about the foals. Also, make sure you discuss what the fee will be if your mare does not conceive or if the foal is aborted during pregnancy.

Read up on the horse breeding season and pregnancy. Breeding season is between March and October. Know that pregnancy lasts 11 months and that the best time for a foal to be born is between

May and July. Mares can breed until late in life, but should not generally begin breeding until at least four years old. Regular exercise is imperative for your mare's good health during this crucial time.

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How To Spot A Great Pit Bull Breeder: 7 Signs Of A Good Dog Breeder

By Tim Amherst

If you're searching for a Pit Bull terrier puppy but are unsure about where to look for one, this is an important article for you to read. Many people are afraid to ask questions when they speak with breeders and this is the first hurdle that you need to get over. It is vital for you to ask questions when you are speaking with different breeders. Below is a list that I've created of some very important things you should look for and ask of the Pit Bull terrier breeders you're considering doing business with.

1. Does the breeder breed several different types of dogs? This can often be a red flag and you should try to stick with breeders who only work with American Pit Bull Terriers.
2. A responsible Pit Bull breeder will be able to tell you the negative characteristics and health issues of his breeding line and also what he has done over the years to improve that aspect of his dogs.
3. Can the breeder thoroughly explain to you how he selects dogs for breeding and what characteristics they will most likely throw?
4. How often does the breeder have litters of puppies? Breeders who have many, many litters each year may not be a good choice.
5. Is the breeder involved with Pit Bulls on a larger scale than just breeding them?.

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6. Does the breeder keep in touch with those who have purchased puppies from him? Breeders who sell pups and then have no idea where they end up should be avoided.

7. Where does the breeder keep his puppies at before they are sold? Are they well socialized?

There are many other things that you could ask the Pit Bull breeders that you speak with, however the above list will give you an excellent start and greatly improve the chances that you'll end up with an excellent Pit Bull terrier puppy.

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