

PUPPY BUYER CHECK LIST

View the puppies and their parent(s) before making a decision to buy

- Have the applicable health screens been performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the breed club? *You may want to ask other owners and breeders which health screens ought to have been performed and what types of scores are acceptable.*
- Have you seen the puppies' Vaccination Certificates?
- Is the puppy at least eight weeks old before the breeder lets you take it home?
- Have you been allowed to view the entire litter, including the mother (dam) and, if possible, the father (sire)? Have you been able to view other animals on the premises?
- Are the puppies are clean, active and friendly? *These are all good indications of healthy, well-bred puppies.*
- Is the breeder a current member of DOGS Victoria? *DOGS Victoria breeders are held to a strict Code of Ethics.*
- Are the parents of the pups DOGS Victoria registered?
 - If so, are the puppies registered on the Main or Limited Register? Ask to see the Registration Certificates of parents and pups. A typed or written "Pedigree" (family tree) is NOT a Registration Certificate.
- Is the breeder offering you everything in writing? Disputes over advertising and purchase arrangements between vendor and purchaser can be taken to the Small Claims Tribunal.

NOTES

You are entitled to check the information you are given with DOGS Victoria. If the DOGS Victoria/ANKC Registration Certificates (papers) are not available, contact DOGS Victoria to find out if the Breeders are registered with DOGS Victoria and if the Litter Registration has been lodged.

You shouldn't feel any pressure to make a decision. If you don't feel like the puppies are healthy and happy then don't buy one. Go out and find a different breeder. Be patient - this dog will be yours for life and you want to make sure it is the right dog for you.