



**If you find a breeder who is in it for the money, move on.**

- The breeder does not ask you any questions about where the puppy will live or your ability to care for the puppy.
- The breeder does not provide any paperwork or American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club registration papers.
- The breeder does not offer you any guarantee of the health of the puppy.

Questions to ask:

- **Are litters always available?** Caring for and socializing a litter correctly takes a tremendous amount of time, due to this, most reputable breeders only have a few litters each year. What's considered an ethical amount of litters per year depends on the breed.
- **Is the breeder more interested in how you are paying than whether you would make a good puppy owner?** The mindset there is to make money, which most of the time means skimping on necessities and spending the minimum amount of time on the puppies.
- **Do they sell their puppies to pet stores?** Absolutely no reputable breeder will sell to a pet store, no exceptions. When you sell a pet to a pet store, you give up all rights to see that puppy gets into the correct home. The first person with the money gets the dog, and it doesn't matter what kind of person he or she is.

**Do your homework with the national breed clubs and the Animal Rescue League so you can find the puppy of your dreams.**

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