

Identifying and Choosing a Responsible Breeder: Checklist

Breeder Name	Comments
Requires an extensive application process.	
Offers a lifetime return policy.	
Only offers limited AKC registration for non-co-owned puppies.	
Has a demand before they create a supply and does not breed litter after litter in a short time frame.	
Mandates that all puppies be spayed and neutered at the appropriate time in their life.	
Promotes rescue and shelter adoptions.	
Is an AKC Breeder of Merit.	
Does not overbreed their females.	
The dogs are an active part of the breeder's life and family.	
Readily displays the pedigrees of all breeding stock.	
Does not breed for odd colors or markings.	
Does not sell puppies through online puppy brokers or pet stores.	
Will not ship puppies to buyers.	
Discusses socialization and training on their website and provides training materials.	
Is someone you like and want to have in your life for the lifespan of your dog.	
Additional Notes	
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