

# Buying a Puppy Checklist



## Before

- Research breeds
- Research breeders
- Looked into financial costs
- Considered alternatives (adopting a rescue dog)

## Meeting breeder

- Meeting at puppy's home
- Does it look like a dog lives there (not a specially rented show home hired for the meeting)?
- Breeder asking questions
- Puppy's mum present
- Puppy and mum interacting
- Are there littermates?
- Puppy and littermates interacting
- Is puppy at least 8 weeks old?
- Puppy been weaned (if not, they could be younger than the breeder is claiming)
- Confirm mum's age (she should be over 1 year but not very old)
- Confirm how many litters has Mum had (should be fewer than six)
- What is the puppy eating?
- Breeder given enough food to continue their diet for a few days
- Confirm if puppy has already met other dogs or people
- Confirm if you can return the puppy if there are any health issues
- Confirm if puppy is Kennel Club registered?
- Confirm if puppy is microchipped
- Second/third meeting arranged

## After

- Agree date of taking pup home
- Arranged health check within first 48 hours