

When you are ready to welcome your dog into your home, use this check list to assist you in your decision.

You should be able to check 'yes' to all boxes!

Assessment of the Facility/Environment:

A clean and sanitary environment fosters healthy dogs.

- Have you been allowed access to the facilities where the dogs are housed?
- Is the facility clean?
- Are food and water available in the dogs' environment?
- Are references supplied upon request?
- Have you been asked pertinent questions to ensure the compatibility of you (the buyer) and the dog?
- In the case of a breeding establishment, is the mother (dam) on the premises and available for you to see?

Health Issues and Physical Appearance of the Dog:

Healthy well-socialized puppies have an active, open and friendly disposition. Avoid puppies that are overly shy and fearful.

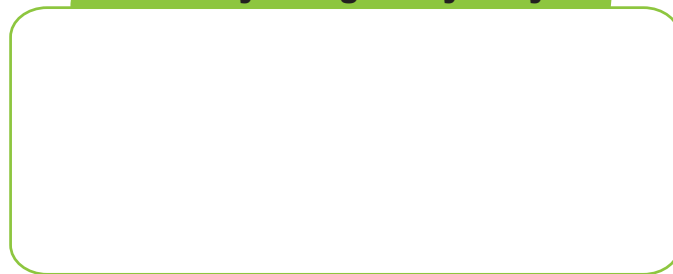
- Do the dogs have good dispositions?
- Do the dogs appear to be in good health? Below are some of the symptoms that may be of concern:
 - Thin body condition
 - Pot-belly
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or stained hair around the anus
 - Cough
 - Discharge from the eyes or nose
- Are copies of health, vaccination certificates and documentation of the dog's last visit to the veterinarian available for you to see?
- In addition to the above, when dealing with a breeder, is documentation available confirming formal health clearances for both parents? (Such information is required to reduce the likelihood of transmissible diseases and genetic disorders)

Issues at the Time of Sale:

Buyer beware! Proper documentation protects you and your dog.

- Will you be provided with a bill of sale, listing:
 - Date of purchase?
 - Names of the buyer and seller?
 - Description of the dog?
 - Purchase price?
- In the case of a purebred dog, will you receive:
 - A bill of sale stating that the dog is a pure bred and naming the breed?
 - Confirmation the dog has been uniquely identified by microchip or tattoo?
 - Confirmation of a valid certificate of registration* of the parents, litter (when applicable) and dog that you are acquiring?
- The total purchase price of the dog?
- Will you be provided with a written guarantee that lists:
 - Specific details of pet return or compensation arrangements in the event of a health problem/illness and any time frames that apply?
 - What is expected of the buyer (i.e. exam by a veterinarian within a certain time frames)?

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*In Canada, a valid registration certificate may be issued by a breed association recognized under the Animal Pedigree Act, including the Canadian Kennel Club, Canadian Border Collie Association, Canine Federation of Canada, Working Canine Association of Canada and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.