

Breeder Interview Checklist

You need to ask these questions of a prospective breeder to ensure your new family member will have a great temperament and be healthy:

- How many dogs do you have?
 - * Be suspicious of answers like "I don't know exactly", "I am not sure", or "About 10?" A breeder should be able to answer this with specific details if he owns and breeds the dogs himself.
- Do you breed the puppies yourself, or do you sell puppies for other breeders?
 - * If they don't breed themselves, find another breeder. A common cover up statement for a puppy mill is to hear "my brother is the breeder".
- How many males and how many females do you have?
 - * Again, a breeder should be able to answer this with specific details if he owns and breeds the dogs himself.
- Do you have both parents, and can I see their pictures? Ask specifically for a picture of the puppy with its mother.
 - * If they won't provide pictures, pass.
 - * If they have a website, verify they show pictures of their adult dogs and not just puppies.
- Can I come to visit your home/kennel and see your dogs?
 - * If they aren't willing to show you where the puppy is being raised, pass.
- Can I come to pick up my future puppy?
 - * If the answer is no, we only ship them, pass. Puppy mills where they raise puppies in horrendous conditions will not let you come to them.
 - * At Glorious Kennel, we prefer the puppy be picked up personally but will ship if necessary.
- Are your dogs and puppies loose in your house, or are they in crates?
 - * A well adjusted puppy is one who is hand raised in a home; timidity and/or aggression can result from a puppy being confined to a crate all the time
- Are your dogs X-rayed for hip dysplasia?
 - * This is very important! 73% of English Bulldogs according to statistics have dysplasia; hip dysplasia is also common in dogs descending from German Shepherds.
- Can I see pictures of the parents, grandparents, and great grandparents?
 - * It is always good to see pictures of the dogs that are ancestors of your puppy to get an idea of both his future appearance and to validate this is a reputable breeder.
- Is my deposit refundable?
 - * If not, find another breeder. At Glorious Kennel, the deposit is \$100 and it is refundable.

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- Who will issue my pedigree papers and for what cost?
 - * Puppies from Glorious Kennel come with papers at NO extra charge from the following national registries:
 - * For the Shiloh Shepherd puppies from Glorious Kennel, the National Shiloh Breeder's Registry (NSBR) issues pedigree papers.
 - * For the Miniature Bulldog puppies from Glorious Kennel, the National Miniature Bulldog Registry (NMBR) issues pedigree papers.
 - IMPORTANT: The AKC does not register Miniature Bulldogs as they are a new and rare breed that is not yet recognized so beware if a breeder leads you to believe otherwise. If the "miniature" bulldog puppy is registered by the AKC, the puppy most likely has normal standard sized English Bulldog parents and will likely be the size of its parents.

- What is the total price of the puppy?
 - * Ask to see a copy of the contract before sending your deposit to check for hidden costs.
 - * Who will pay for the pedigree papers and what is the cost for them if they are not paid for by the breeder?

- Do you provide a written health guarantee and agreement to take or buy the dog back, should this ever become necessary?
 - * A responsible breeder is always willing to take his puppy back if serious problems develop, or if you become unable to care for your puppy any longer. At Glorious Kennel, this is explicitly stated in our contract with the buyer as a guarantee.

- Do the pups have shots and worming records?
 - * At 8 weeks, a puppy should have had its first set of shots and been wormed 2-3 times.

- Can I call you with questions about my puppy?
 - * A good breeder will talk to you not only before, but also after the sale of the puppy.

- Has the whole litter been examined by the vet?
 - * If not, find another breeder. Your puppy should have been given a clean bill of health from the vet.
 - * At Glorious Kennel, each puppy must pass a health check prior to being placed in their new home. They will have a health certificate from a reputable veterinarian. Healthy puppies are our number one priority and should be for any reputable breeder