



Puppy Stuff

When you are purchasing your puppy there is so much going on and those puppies are just so darn cute that it is easy to forget our checklist of what we need to ask the breeder (remember under no circumstances is it ok to purchase a puppy from a pet store, puppy mill or back-yard breeder). So when you do your puppy research – write down all your questions for your breeder so you don't forget...and don't be shy.

Also, when you are examining the pup, here are 10 things to look out for in a healthy pup.

Remember, if you are taking your children with you to meet the puppies – a small child must never ever pick up or carry a puppy! Puppies, like babies, are afraid of falling.

1. Ears - clean and smell good (no mites)
2. Eyes - clear, open, no redness, or discharge
3. Nose - moist, not runny and no discharge
4. Teeth - clean with good alignment
5. Belly button - no swelling
6. Testicles - males should have two
7. Weight - compare to other puppies should be similar
8. Coat - clean, no fleas, bald patches or scaling
9. Tail - check for any signs of worms under the puppy's tail
10. General – living conditions clean and indoors. Seeing the mother of the puppies is a must!

If you do not get 10 out of 10 when you visit your puppy for the first time – please do not purchase this puppy. If you do, you will most likely be purchasing an unhealthy puppy that will end up costing you a lot of money and will break your heart. There are a lot of really bad breeders out there – but do your homework and you will find not only a great breeder but a great puppy too!