Be an Informed Puppy Buyer

Important questions to ask...

- ✓ What genetic screening/testing do you routinely perform on ALL of your breeding stock?
- ✓ How long have you been a breeder?
- ✓ Do you breed other breeds? Which ones?
- ✓ Are you a member of any Dog Clubs?
- ✓ How many litters do you have a year?
- ✓ Do you show your dogs and what other titles do they have?
- ✓ Do you temperament test your puppies before placing them?
- ✓ Will you take the dog back/help find another home for it if for some reason in the future I can no longer look after it?
- ✓ Do you require spaying/neutering?
- ✓ What Health Clearances/procedures to you require from puppy buyers?
- ✓ What Guarantees are given under the written contract?
- ✓ May I have a copy of your contract to review?
- ✓ Do you have any puppies or will you have any in the future?

- ✓ Do you have the parents on site? Can I see them?
- ✓ How old are the mother and father of this litter?
- ✓ Is there any special health problems I might need to watch for in this particular breeding?
- ✓ How much does a non-show or show quality puppy cost?
- ✓ What are the parent's temperaments and personalities like?
- ✓ Where were the puppies raised? How have you socialized them?
- ✓ What is the likelihood that I might be able to get a puppy
 from this litter?
- ✓ After receiving my contract, how and when do you notify me if I am on your approved list?
- ✓ What do I have to do to reserve a puppy and do you need a
 deposit?
- ✓ If I place a deposit with you, under what conditions will/can my deposit be returned?

Useful Chart to help keep your records in order...

BREEDER'S NAME:
KENNEL NAME
CITY, STATE
PHONE # LITTER DUE
DAM NAME:
AKC #
Hip OFA #/Rating
Elbow OFA #/Rating
Eye Cerf #/Rating
Heart OFA #/Rating
Von Willebrand #/Rating
DM #/Rating
Other Information
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