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How to Find a Reputable Collie Breeder



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Best Practices

To find a responsible breeder, go to www.colliclubofamerica.org scroll down the home page to “Contacts” and click on the link for your state or the state nearest you to find the Collie Club of America District Director closest to you.

An additional place to look is a local dog show. Dog show superintendents have information on shows in your area. Some of the most popular ones are www.infodog.com that mainly covers the eastern and north western US; www.onofrio.com and www.foytrentdogshows that mainly cover the mid-west and the latter, single breed specialty shows; and www.jbradshaw.com that covers the southwestern US.

If a breeder isn't immediately responsive, be patient. Collie breeders often have full-time jobs, and they don't always have puppies available. It may take time for them to respond to puppy inquiries.

Visit the breeder's home or kennel whenever possible and ask to see at least one of the puppy's parents. Get an idea of what the future holds for your Collie in terms of temperament and appearance. If it is not possible to visit the breeder's home ask for references from other breeders and the veterinarian attending the litter.

Breeders should be honest about their Collie's strengths and weaknesses and knowledgeable about the genetic issues that can affect them. They should be able to inform buyers about what's being done to avoid them. Breeders should be willing to share proof of health screenings such as DNA information and ophthalmic (eye) exam certificates should be shared with potential buyers.

Establish a good rapport with the breeder. He/she will be an excellent resource and breed mentor for you throughout the life of your puppy. Breeders should encourage you to contact them about your Collie with any questions or concerns you have regarding health, products or training at any stage of the Collie's life.

A responsible breeder may ask you to sign a contract indicating that if specified conditions of care are not met or if you become unable to keep the puppy, he/she will reclaim the puppy.

Puppies need ample time to mature and socialize with their mother and littermates so breeders usually do not let them go to a new home until 8 to 12 weeks of age.

Breeders should be willing to answer any questions you have and should ask many of you as well. Breeders will want to make sure their puppies are going to good homes, with people who know what to expect and have made all the necessary preparations.

Other Advice

If you find a Collie Breeder through other avenues...

Observe the premises. Is the house/kennel clean? The Collies should be clean, well-fed, lively, in good condition and friendly.

Pay attention to how the Collies interact with the breeder. Does the breeder appear to genuinely care for the puppies and adult dogs? Collies should not shy away from the breeder and should be outgoing with strangers.

Don't leave the premises without the appropriate documentation of the Collie's pedigree. Many breeders will require a spay/neuter agreement and will withhold AKC papers until proof of surgery by a licensed veterinarian has been provided. Limited registration is normally done for all puppies placed in non-show homes. Beware of breeders who want to charge you more for AKC papers, offer a pet puppy with full registration or offer papers from a registry other than the AKC.