

Choosing A Breeder

There are many sources of puppies. Hopefully the table below will persuade you which route to follow.

	Ethical Breeder	Puppy Farmer	Backyard Breeder
Registers their puppies with KUSA	Always	Mostly	Sometimes
Shows their dogs	Yes	Rarely	Never
Places breeding restrictions on all puppies, which can be lifted later with permission	Yes	Rarely	Never
Places all puppies on contract to approved homes	Yes	Rarely	Hardly ever
Performs standard health tests on all breeding dogs prior to breeding	Yes	Rarely	Hardly ever
Removes dogs with health problems from breeding programme	Yes	Only if they receive many complaints	No – they are normally unaware
Allows visits to their premises to view the dogs and facilities	Yes	Yes, but with very limited access	Mostly
Will take back a puppy at any stage or help find a suitable home	Yes – no conditions attached	If they can use them for breeding, yes. If not, no.	Never
Only breeds with mature dogs	Yes	Mostly	Mostly
Is honest with puppy buyers at all times	Yes	Rarely	Rarely
Sells puppies to pet stores / agents	Never	Sometimes	Yes
Deliberately breeds non-breed standard "exotic" colours and markets as "rare"	Never	Often	Rarely
Offers a special "two for the price of one" rate	Never	Sometimes	Often
Advertises their puppies on Gumtree, OLX etc	Never	Sometimes	Mostly