



## Your Puppy Buying Checklist

This checklist is relevant whether you are considering a home, hobby or licensed breeder. There are some important questions to ask and things to do before considering visiting breeders that will help you narrow your search down to 2 or 3 preferred breeders:

1. Google the breeder name and check out at least the first 3 pages.
2. Use Google earth and street view to see what the premises looks like. It's not always up to date but it is a good starting point.
3. Telephone rather than emailing so you actually talk to someone then start with the following questions:

- Ask if they are aware of **The Cockerpoos Club of GB** and whether they are applying for approved breeder status where the puppies would get registration papers.
- Ask what **health testing** they do. As an absolute minimum they should have one dog (mother (dam) or father (sire)) PRA clear from DNA testing (Progressive Retinal Atrophy).
- Any additional testing is desirable (eg BVA for Glaucoma, X-ray and then scoring for Hip Dysplasia and DNA tests for Familial Nephropathy, PFK and/or Retinal Dysplasia depending on breed of dam and sire. See CCGB [health testing page](#) for more information.
- Always ask whether they can show you the health test papers if you visit.
- Ask if you will be able to see the puppies with the dam and whether you will be able to meet the sire. As an absolute minimum, you should see the puppies with their mother.
- Ask about vaccinations, worming and flea treatments the puppies will have.
- Ask whether they would be happy to complete an RSPCA PIP & puppy contract <http://puppycontract.rspca.org.uk/home>.

They should want to know about you too and the kind of home you will be offering one of their puppies.

Poor breeders quickly lose interest once you start asking questions whereas a good breeder is very happy to let you know all about their breeding experience and knowledge.

We recommend visiting at least 2 or 3 different breeders before making an educated choice, and making the first visit a "fact finding tour" without taking a cheque book.