



## DPCC Puppy Buyer Checklist

### [CKC Requirements for Breeders](#)

#### The Premises

- Do the premises look reasonably respectable?
- Are the puppies kept in the house?
- If they are kept in kennels are they clean and are the puppies brought into the house for socialization time?
- Are there people around to regularly interact with the puppies?

#### About the breeder

- Is the breeder experienced, knowledgeable and able to provide necessary support, when required throughout the life of your dog? eg. health & dietary issues, training, socialization, etc.
- Did they breed the dogs and were the puppies born at home?
- Will you be visiting the puppy at the place where they were born?
- How many were in the litter and will you be able to see the littermates?
- Is the mother there with the whole litter? A mum should be interacting with the puppies, so beware of any stories about the mum being at the vets and unavailable for long periods of time unless major issues during whelp have occurred
- Were the parents health screened for any hereditary conditions relevant to that breed and what were the results? (ask to see in person or emailed a copy)
- What is the mother's temperament like?
- What health guarantees are being offered?
- How old are the parents (DPCC COE states males are bred no earlier than 12 months, females no earlier than 18 months and no later than 7 years old)
- Is the breeder genuinely concerned about the puppies and can they tell you the individual characteristics of each puppy?
- Does the breeder handle the puppies and are they comfortable with it?
- If not there, ask to see a photo of the father of the puppies.
- Do you feel you are being pushed into making a decision?



#### About the Puppies

- Have the puppies had any health problems?
- Is the breeder working to a socialization plan with the puppies? If so what sort of things has the breeder done?
- How are they being placed into their homes? They should be the best match in temperament to each family
- Do the puppies look clean, healthy and bright? Be wary of symptoms like runny eyes or noses, dull, matted or patchy coats, signs of diarrhea, weakness or wobbliness or a puppy that sits forlornly in the corner.
- Are the puppies happily interacting with each other and showing that natural puppy curiosity?
- Have the puppies got plenty to play with?
- Are the puppies happy to be around and handled by strangers?
- Are the puppies plump and in good overall coat and weight condition?

#### Puppy Pickup

- Doberman puppies should be picked up no earlier than 7 days post cropping if done – approximately 9-10 weeks of age
- Uncropped puppies are recommended to be picked up no earlier than 9 weeks of age

#### Deposits

- We do not advise you place a deposit on a dog without meeting the breeder in person and having all terms of the deposit agreed upon

#### **Before you pay for your puppy**

Make sure you are in possession of all the necessary documentation before you pay the balance owed for your puppy.

This includes:

- Health records – vet check, proof of vaccination
- CKC Litter and/or Individual Registration paperwork - or proof online registration has started
- A written purchase agreement &/or receipt
- Written guarantee on puppies