

Choosing a Good Breeder

[Cockapoo & Labradoodle Puppy Club](#)

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Avoidance Tactics:

Breeders that avoid questions regarding their dams, sires and their puppies. Breeders should be transparent! You should prepare a list and ask them LOTS of questions. If any of these questions cannot be answered suitably you should be hesitant in purchasing a puppy. In turn a good breeder will have a questionnaire to ask potential new owners, they require telephone calls and details of your lifestyle. This shows genuine care and welfare of the puppy. Ask to see original health test papers from at least one parent and double check the names of the dogs specified to the breeders name and address.

Meet the Parents:

You must be able to physically meet the mum of the pups. Look for signs that she is interacting directly with her pups. Puppies swamp their mother which is overwhelming for them however do not let this be an excuse that you cannot physically see them together. Not being able to see the mum of the pups is a strong indicator that the breeders are in fact Puppy Farmers. Ask for details of the Sire, ask to see pictures, how much vetting did the breeder do to ensure the pups father is of good health? Can you see the Sire? Can you contact the owner of the Sire?

Vet Care:

Beware of Breeders that do not have health testing and that have not had their litter health checked by a qualified vet. Breeders are supplied with written confirmation from vets that they have had vital checks completed and the status of their findings. Health checks can be completed anywhere before the date they leave for their new homes. Pups should all be micro-chipped and registered to the breeder by law **before** they leave for new homes. Ensure you receive their microchip number records when you pick up your puppy.

BEWARE of Marketing:

All good Breeders should be transparent to a degree. Fancy marketing does not necessarily mean a great healthy, home reared puppy. Look beyond the photos of a pup playing on a kitchen floor, ask to see videos of them playing or nursing from their mother. Look for photos of their whelping area. Tell tale signs of a kennel breeder are concrete garage walls, wooden kennels in photos. Tell tale signs of a Puppy farmer is usually photos of pups that are being copied from the Internet, they probably wont be the pup that you wanted... Good breeders will have tons of puppy photos from birth onwards!

Commercial Breeders:

These are breeders that use their dogs only for the purpose of breeding. They have a horrendous practice of selling their breeding dogs on once they are of no use. They do not care for the dog as a pet, its only use is to sadly make money from. They come in the form of a hugely fancy website, selling tons litters throughout the year, puppies to order and unfortunately some of them are even council registered.

Free Shipping:

You must be able to see the puppy reared in its home environment and be able to see the parents. Breeders who offer free shipping without physically meeting the potential new owners first is a red flag. Breeders like these do not care whom their puppies are going to and if so it's most likely that they do not care about their health either...

Knowledge of the Breed:

All good breeders should be very knowledgeable of their breed. They should know specifics surrounding the health, temperament, traits and why they specifically choose to breed. Do your research first, join Cockapoo groups and ask questions to our breeders/follow posts/read up as much as possible to prepare.

Facilities:

The breeder doesn't want to show you where the pups are reared and/or wants to meet you in a public location. This is a strong indication that this breeder is a puppy farmer or that the dog's living conditions are poor. For a great, socialised puppy chose one that has been reared inside in a family home environment throughout the full duration of their upbringing.

