Finding a Reputable Breeder

Name and contact info for Breeder

phone email website address

Opening Questions:

Note their answers here.

1. What do you look for in dogs that you breed?	
2. Are you a member of a breed club?	
3. Where are your puppies available to buy from?	
4. How old are females when they are first bred?	
5. At what age do you retire them? How many litters do they typically have?	
6. How old will the puppy be when I can take him/her home?	
7. Do you have a health or guarantee on your puppies? How long is it for? What are the conditions?	
8. Where are the puppies raised? Indoors or outdoors?	
9. What type of handling do they get? How often?	
10. Who is allowed to visit the puppies? When does that start?	
11. When can I start to come visit the litter if I decide to purchase on of your pups?	
12. Will the pup have had a vet check and inoculations when s/he come home with me?	

13. What support do you offer once we take the pup home?

14. Will the puppy be registered with the Kennel Club? Will that cost extra?

Follow-up Questions:

1. What genetic and behavioral weaknesses does your breed and lines have?

2. How long lived are your lines?

3. Can I see the pedigree of this litter or your breeding dogs?

4. Do you have a vet available during whelping (in case of complications)

5. Can I come to meet your dogs and/or puppies?

6. Will the mother of the puppies be onsite?

7. Will I receive the registration papers for the pup? When?

8. Will I receive a receipt for the puppy?

9. Can you tell the puppies apart? How? Do you keep a record of details?

10. What sort of environmental enrichment do you do for the puppies? At what age do you start it?

11. Do you post photos of the litter on your website or social media?

12. Can you provide references for dogs you bred that are 3 yrs. or older?

13. Do you require a deposit on a puppy?

14. Do you have a contract to sign? Can I get a copy of it to read before I sign it?

15. Did the breeder have a questionnaire for you to fill out? Did they ask you questions about your lifestyle and reasons you want the dog?

Final Questions:

1. Does the breeder do the Early Neurological Program (day 3 to 16) (Super Puppy Program) on their puppies?
2. Start house training the puppies? How?
3. Do you do start crate training the pups?
4. Do you do scent imprinting for new owners? What age does that start?
5. What other animals do you have on site or bring in to socialize the puppies to?
6. What sports do you compete in with your own dogs? Any titles?
7. Are any of your puppies competing and getting titles? In what?
8. What training approach to they suggest you use?
9. Do they provide a puppy package? What is in it?
10. Do you know of a trainer in my area that I can take puppy classes and individualized training?