

Red flags common to puppy mills, brokers, irresponsible breeders and scammers

- Not requiring you to visit them and their dogs.
- Not asking you anything about your experience with dogs, your lifestyle, etc.
- Offering to ship or deliver the puppy to you or meet you in a public place to hand them over. They may initially talk about you coming to pick up the puppy but, at the last minute, they suggest saving you the trouble and just meeting you somewhere.
- Offering puppies of many different breeds.
- Requires you to send money to another country.
- If you do visit, they bring out the puppy to you so you don't see the mother, litter mates or where the dogs live. Keep an eye out for barns and sheds on the property that could be used for mass-breeding dogs.
- Doesn't know anything about typical genetic disorders for the breed and doesn't have their dogs screened by veterinary specialists (including: hip x-rays, ophthalmologist, cardiologist, etc.).
- Provides no guarantee of the puppy's health or only a guarantee that requires you to send the puppy back.