THE CANINE HUB® – PUPPY BUYER'S CHECKLIST

Take this handy checklist when visiting a breeder. Tick each question as you discuss it, make notes and take your time.

Breeder: _____ Breed: _____ Date of visit: _____

SECTION 1 – ABOUT THE BREEDER

- [ ] Am I dealing directly with the breeder?
- [ ] Can I visit where the puppies were raised?
- [ ] Does the breeder answer questions openly and ask about my lifestyle?
- [ ] If a breeding licence is required, can I check its details?

SECTION 2 – MEETING MUM & THE PUPPIES

- [ ] Can I see Mum with her puppies?
- [ ] Have I asked about Mum's temperament and previous litters?
- [ ] Can the breeder explain Dad's health and temperament?
- [ ] Are the puppies being raised somewhere clean, safe and suitable?
- [ ] Do the puppies appear comfortable, curious and able to explore?

SECTION 3 – EARLY EXPERIENCES

- [ ] What everyday sights, sounds and experiences have the puppies encountered?
- [ ] Are new experiences introduced gently and positively?
- [ ] Have the puppies experienced gentle handling and grooming?
- [ ] Can the breeder help match a suitable puppy to my home?

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SECTION 4 – HEALTH CHECKS

- [ ] Have both parents had the recommended breed-specific health tests, and can I check the results?
- [ ] Have I asked about any inherited health problems?
- [ ] Do the puppies have clear eyes, clean coats, comfortable breathing and normal movement?
- [ ] Are there any signs of illness, such as coughing, diarrhoea or unusual tiredness?
- [ ] What veterinary checks, vaccinations and parasite treatments have they received?

SECTION 5 – BEFORE BRINGING PUPPY HOME

- [ ] Have I confirmed the puppy's date of birth and that they'll be at least eight weeks old at collection?
- [ ] Will I receive the microchip details and information needed to update the registered keeper?
- [ ] Have I read the contract and understood any deposit or refund conditions?
- [ ] Will I receive health records, feeding advice and relevant paperwork?
- [ ] What support does the breeder provide after collection?
- [ ] What happens if I can no longer keep the puppy?

SECTION 6 – WARNING SIGNS

Tick any warning signs you notice. If something concerns you, don't feel pressured to proceed.

- [ ] I cannot see Mum with the puppies in their normal environment.
- [ ] I am being pressured to pay or collect quickly.
- [ ] Health information or important answers are missing.
- [ ] Puppies appear unwell or their surroundings raise concerns.
- [ ] The seller insists on meeting away from where the puppies are raised.

SECTION 7 – MY DECISION

- [ ] I feel confident.
- [ ] I need more information.
- [ ] I have concerns and will reconsider.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

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AFTER COLLECTION:

Arrange a veterinary health check promptly, ideally within 48 hours, and discuss any outstanding vaccinations or treatments.