

SHOULD YOU BREED YOUR PUREBRED DOG?

You should be able to answer yes to all questions below.

Any no answers – Do Not Breed!!!

1. Is your dog registered with a reputable breed or kennel club registry or accepted in the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), The Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI: World Canine Organization), or German S.V.?
2. Does your dog's purchase contract and registration papers allow breeding, and do you have a certified pedigree from a reputable registry of at least 3 generations of your dog?
3. Does your dog's pedigree contain at least 4 dogs with working, conformation, agility, obedience or other performance titles in the last 3 generations?
4. Does your dog have a stable temperament appropriate to its breed and a CGC?
5. Has your dog been judged by impartial outside judges as physically conforming to its breed standard?
6. Has your dog been publicly certified as physically sound by a veterinarian or the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHip, and found free of genetic problems for your breed?
7. Are you financially and emotionally prepared for all the things that can go wrong before, during and after whelping?
8. Do you have a good environment to whelp and raise your litter of puppies until place into suitable homes and give them proper care including socialization?
9. Will you sell your puppies with a written contract with guarantees and be willing to take back any dogs you have bred?
10. Did you get your dog from an ethical and responsible breeder who follows the guidelines in this paper?

If you have answered YES to these 10 questions, your dog may be breeding quality. You should ask yourself why you are breeding. Breeding and placement of your puppies carries huge ethical responsibilities! There are enough mediocre breeders already! Do NOT breed if you just want puppies or if you think you will make money. If you are breeding correctly, you will likely not make money breeding dogs.

If you have answered NO to any of the above questions, DO NOT BREED! We all love our dogs and they are special and beautiful! However, currently there are thousands of dogs just as beautiful and special as yours waiting to be euthanized in shelters because we already have too many unwanted dogs due to poor owners and poor breeders. Before making a decision to breed, please pay a visit to your local shelter to see what overpopulation looks like. Ask yourself if you will be part of the problem or part of the solution!