

Koolie Health

What to Ask a Breeder

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Health-related Questions:

- Do the parent dogs have any health clearances or certifications?
- Have the parent dogs been tested for genetic diseases relevant to Koolies?
- Can you provide documentation of health clearances and test results?
- Are there any known genetic diseases or health issues in the breeding lines?
- What steps do you take to minimize the risk of genetic diseases in your breeding programme?

Breeding Practices and Philosophy:

- How long have you been breeding Koolies?
- What is your goal or focus in your breeding program?
- Are you a member of any Koolie or dog breed clubs or organizations?
- Do you follow a code of ethics or breeding guidelines?
- What qualities or traits do you prioritize in your breeding stock?

Puppy Socialization and Environment:

- How do you socialize your puppies before they go to their new homes?
- What kind of environment are the puppies raised in?
- Are the puppies exposed to different sounds, sights, and experiences?
- Are they introduced to different people, animals, and environments?

Puppy Care and Support:

- What type of care and training do you provide to the puppies before they go to their new homes?
- What vaccinations, deworming, and preventive treatments do the puppies receive?
- Are the puppies examined by a veterinarian before they are placed in new homes?
- Do you provide a health guarantee or support for any potential health issues?

Temperament and Working Ability:

- What is the typical temperament of your Koolie puppies?
- Are your dogs primarily bred for working ability or as family pets?
- Can you provide examples of previous puppies' accomplishments in various activities or work?

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Lifestyle Compatibility:

- What kind of home environment is suitable for a Koolie?
- How much exercise and mental stimulation do Koolies require?
- Are there any specific considerations or challenges in raising a Koolie?
- Do you conduct home checks or have any requirements for potential owners?

Contracts and Ownership Details:

- What is included in the purchase price of the puppy?
- Do you require a spay/neuter agreement or have any breeding restrictions?
- What are your policies regarding returning a puppy or assistance if circumstances change?

Remember, it is important to have open and honest communication with the breeder. Take the time to ask these questions and evaluate their responses carefully. Responsible breeders will be transparent, knowledgeable, and genuinely concerned about the well-being of their puppies.