

PUPPY CONTRACT

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the right choice



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About the puppy

1. Where did you hear about this puppy?

2. Date of birth

DD/MM/YYYY

3. Sex: Male Female

4. Is the puppy a specific breed or cross breed?

Breed of puppy

Breed of mother

Breed of father

5. Puppies should be microchipped before purchasing, what is their number?

Chip number (15 digits)

6. Microchip Database (please tick)

Fido

Animark

Irish Kennel Club

7. Will the puppy be vaccinated before it is sold? Yes No

If yes, attach vaccination record to the Puppy Contract and insert next vaccine due date.

8. Details of any worming or flea treatments the puppy will have received

Product used	Date

9. Has the puppy had a health check or been treated by a vet prior to the sale. Provide further details:

Details of treatment or health check	Date

10. What is the puppy's current weight?

Kilograms and grams	Date

11. What types of diet is the puppy currently being fed?

Dry

Wet

Other (Provide details)

Times of day when the puppy is fed

12. What is the puppy currently drinking?

Milk

Water

Other (Provide details)

13. Where is the puppy kept currently?

- In a kennel
- In a quiet part of the house
- In a part of the house where there is a lot of activity (e.g. kitchen)
- Other (Provide details)

14. Before the sale will the puppy have interacted with:

- Children over 10 years old
- Children under 10 years old
- Adults



15. Before the sale will you have the chance to see and interact with:

- Both parents of the puppy
- Other puppies in the litter

16. Is the puppy showing any signs of pain or discomfort?

- Yes
- No

17. Is the puppy showing any redness or swelling in these areas?

- Face including eyes and ears
- Navel/Belly button
- Anus/Bum region
- Genitals/Penis/Vagina

18. Is the puppy's tail docked/cut short?

- Yes
- No

About the puppy's mother

19. Date of birth

20. Has the mother been microchipped? Yes No

21. How many litters has the mother had, including this one?

22. Dates of each litter? (month/year)

23. Is the mother up to date with vaccinations? (within last 12 mths) Yes No

24. When was the mother last treated for worms/fleas and which worming/flea product was used?

Product used	Date

25. Has the mother had any surgical procedures?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details

About the puppy's father

26. Father's date of birth

DD/MM/YYYY

27. Has the father been microchipped? Yes No

Chip number (15 digits)

28. Has the father had any surgical procedures? Yes No

If yes, please give details



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**Explanation notes,
Information & purchase
agreement.**



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Q5 & 6: Has the puppy been microchipped?

Microchipping is a **legal** requirement for the seller of the puppy. You will need either Fido, Animark or Irish Kennel Club to update their records with your contact details. No other database is recommended. Ask us for info on how to change your details.

Q7: Will the puppy be vaccinated before being sold?

Vaccinations are very important to prevent some fatal diseases such as parvo. If the mother was vaccinated properly the puppy should have protection from these diseases for roughly the first ten weeks of its life.

Puppies that have been vaccinated already will have a vaccination certificate which shows the vaccines used.

This certificate will have the details of the vet who carried out the vaccination with dates & signature. Do not accept anything other than a stamped and signed vaccination card.

Speak to us about whether the puppy requires more vaccinations and when its first booster is due.

Q8: Details of worming & flea treatments the puppy will have received

Regular worming & flea treatment is important for all dogs,

Ask us about the products listed and avoid buying from breeders who have not treated their dogs (puppies & parents) for worms or fleas at all.

Q9: Has the puppy had a health check or been treated by a vet for any reason?

Most puppies don't need to see a vet before they leave the breeder. If your puppy has been checked or received any treatment from a Vet, the breeder should provide details of anything abnormal detected. Talk to us if you are unsure about any of this information.

It's best to get your puppy examined by us as soon as you can, to make sure there are no problems straight away and to get the correct advice. We provide a free puppy check for all new owners.

Q10: What is the puppy's current weight?

There is no single correct weight for a puppy as each breed is different. It is useful to know how much the puppy weighed when you got them so that we can monitor changes in their weight.

Q11: Details of the puppy's diet

It is important that you know what type of food that the puppy is used to and when they are being fed. These can all be kept as similar when you take your new puppy home. Puppies should be fed a measured amount of food at regular time throughout the day. They should never be fed human or raw food.

Ideally a puppy should be drinking water. At the time of taking your puppy home, it should be weaned from its mother, eating dry food and drinking only water. If it is drinking milk of any kind, find out why. Contact us if you have queries on any of the answers you have been given.

Q13: Where is the puppy kept for the majority of the time?

Early socialisation of puppies has been proved to strongly influence their subsequent behaviour as an adult dog. A puppy that has lived in a domestic household environment, especially in a part of the home where people come and go, is more likely to be better socialised. Where puppies are kept outside the home, you will need to

check that they have experienced aspects of a normal home life for a significant amount of the time.

When you visit the puppy, ask to see where they have been kept. Although you may be introduced to the puppy in a house, they may not usually be kept there. If they are not in the home, ask to see them in the home and determine whether they look comfortable or normal in this environment.

Q14: The puppy's experience of contact with people

The first 16 weeks of a puppy's life are very important in influencing how they will react to people. Lack of social contact during this period increases the risk of abnormal behavioural traits later in life.

Puppies need to have contact with all ages and genders during this period. In general the more people that the puppy has interacted with the better. Observe if the puppy is comfortable with being held and handled by you and your family members.

Puppies which have had positive experience of lots of different types of people are less likely to be nervous/quiet when you handle and approach them.

Watch carefully how the puppy responds to adults and children acting normally/reasonably. Look for signs of the puppy withdrawing, struggling to get away, cowering, putting their tail between their legs or hiding.

Q16-18: Is the puppy showing pain, swelling, redness or has it had its tail docked?

Signs of pain in the areas listed may appear as a caution or reluctance towards physical examination. It may also be accompanied with crying or obvious discomfort. Redness and/or swelling can also be associated with pain and possible underlying issues. It is best to seek veterinary advice in these situations.

Tail docking is illegal in Ireland. The seller should be reported immediately to an authorised officer such as Gardai, ISPCA or a local SPCA organisation with authorised officer status.

Q19-28: Will you have the opportunity to interact with the puppy's parents and other puppies in the litter?

It is important that you see the puppy's mother and the other puppies in the litter. You should also try and see the father. This may not be possible as the father may not belong to the breeder. Interact with the pups parents, rub or pat them and assess their reaction to you. Check that they appear healthy, check their personality to see if they are friendly and engaging.

The parents personality can influence how a puppy develops and behaves later in life. In particular, look for signs of fear, such as shying away, cowering and their tail between the legs. Also watch for signs of aggression such as fear, growling and excessive barking.

Some breeders will show you another female dog instead of the puppy's mother. To avoid this make sure you see the mother and puppies together. Check for signs that the dog you see has given birth recently, such as having enlarged nipples. Also check that the mother and the puppies interact with each other naturally.

Ask why other littermates or parents cannot be seen if breeders answer "no" in these sections.

Q21 & 22: How many litters has the mother had, including this one?

Pregnancy, birth and rearing puppies is very demanding for any mother. She may develop problems afterwards such as weight loss if her feeding regime is not correct. Mothers should be allowed at least one season between litters. It is illegal to have more than 3 litters in a 3 year period and it is illegal for a dog to have more than six litters of pups in their lifetime.

Responsible breeders will not breed from their female dogs in their first season and should not breed any females under one year old. This is to allow mothers to be physically mature and be able to cope with pregnancy properly.

Breeders who have ignored this advice may either not be very experienced and/or caring about dog welfare.

Q23: Is the mother up to date with vaccinations?

It is very important that the mother's routine vaccinations have been given within the last 12 months. She needs to be vaccinated to make sure the puppies are born with immunity to diseases that can be fatal.

This will keep them healthy until they are old enough to be vaccinated themselves. The mothers vaccination card should be signed, stamped and dated by a Vet.

Q24: When was the mother last treated for worms & fleas?

Regular worming of the mother, including during her pregnancy, is important to make sure the puppies are not born with worms.

Avoid buying from breeders who do not vaccinate or worm their animals frequently and with effective products. Ask us for advice on any of the products they use.

Q25 & 28: Has either parent had any surgical procedures?

Many breeds have been bred with certain features. These features such as:

flat faces, large or heavy wrinkles and bulging eyes are considered "normal" for certain breeds. However these features can be very exaggerated and may cause serious health problems.

For example, dogs with short flat faces often have narrow nostrils. They can suffer breathing issues and may struggle to lead a normal life. Large or heavy skin folds can cause irritation and be painful.

Some of these problems may require lifelong medication or surgical intervention that is not always 100% curative. Not all medical or surgical conditions can be passed on to puppies. If you are unsure, please ask us. Remember, we offer a free puppy check straight away when you get a new puppy.

Agreement for the sale & purchase of a puppy

1. The Seller agrees:

- 1.1 That any health checks and treatments set out in the Puppy Contract have been carried out on the Puppy and the Puppy's parents and the details of these have been given to the Buyer.
- 1.2 That the Puppy is not the result of a mating of two related individuals.
- 1.3 That the Puppy is in good health, weight and condition with no obvious abnormalities.
- 1.4 That the Puppy is more than 8 weeks old at the date of sale.
- 1.6 That the Puppy has received proper health care and that the Seller has provided it with the opportunity to socialise with dogs and humans.
- 1.7 They have provided the Buyer with all relevant registration papers, pedigree certificates and microchip registrations and that any pedigree indicated for the Puppy is accurately stated.

2. The Buyer agrees:

- 2.1 They understand the information provided to them as part of this contract.
- 2.2 They will be able to fulfill all of the puppy's health and welfare needs.
- 2.3 That neither they or their family members have been involved in an animal welfare law violations.
- 2.4 That in the event that they are no longer able or willing to provide a home for the Puppy or to meet the Puppy's health & welfare needs they will contact the Seller.

3. Both Buyer and Seller agree and understand:

- 3.1 That the Puppy will receive a veterinary examination within 5 days of this agreement.
- 3.2 That in the event of the Puppy suffering any pre-existing conditions to the date of this agreement, the buyer shall be entitled to reimbursement for the purchase fee of the puppy from the seller upon presentation of a written veterinary explanation within a reasonable timeframe. The seller is entitled to their own veterinary opinion separately to this within a reasonable timeframe.
- 3.3 This contract does not affect the Buyer's statutory rights including any warranty of quality of the Puppy implied by sale of goods act or any other law.

Amount paid for this puppy €

Buyer

I agree that by voluntarily signing this agreement I am entering into a contractual agreement.

Seller

I agree that by voluntarily signing this agreement I am entering into a contract agreement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Please note that this guide does not replace the need for a general and physical examination of a puppy by a Veterinary surgeon. This contract is a set of guidelines for a prospective owner or breeder and does not form any type of legal basis for a contract for sale. Village Vets or its agents do not accept any liability for any issues that arise from the use of this contract and recommend professional veterinary and legal advice where necessary.