



Reputable/Responsible Breeder

- Takes responsible care of all of his or her dogs (breeding stock & puppies), and provides:
 - a) Companionship, affection, interaction & attention
 - b) Nutritious quality dog food & fresh clean water
 - c) Immunization
 - d) Proper vet care
 - e) Parasite prevention/treatment
 - f) Grooming
 - g) Exercise
 - h) Socialization



- Belongs to a national (and/or local) breed club
- Abides by their breed club's Code of Ethics
- Tests their breeding stock for any congenital diseases, conditions (ie: hip dysplasia, Von Willebrand's Disease, retinal dyslasia, etc.), and strives to eliminate genetic problems by breeding only sound dogs)
- Only breeds dogs that have excellent temperaments.
- Is very knowledgeable about their breed.
- Strives to better their breed.



- Immunizes their puppies' Sires and Dams (& their Puppies) against: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, Parainfluenza, Corona & Rabies.

- Screens potential owners thoroughly, and does not sell to those who are unsuitable.*
- Educates potential owners, and discloses any pertinent information about their breed.
- Has a spay & neuter contract or alters dogs prior to sale
- Offers new puppy owners guidance and support (for the puppy's entire lifetime).
- NEVER sells puppies to puppy brokers, pet shops or puppy outlets of any kind (including so-called "Kennel Clubs"). Period.**
- Shows, trials and/or titles their dogs.
- Supports or participates in breed rescue work whenever possible.
- Never breeds out of greed (and never over-breeds).
- Will take back a puppy or dog at any time.



Notes:

* A reputable breeder wants to know as much about you, your household, your schedule and your ability to properly care for a puppy (throughout its entire lifetime), as you want to know about the breeder's puppies.

** Many pet stores and puppy outlets tell prospective puppy buyers that their puppies come from reputable breeders, even though the large majority of these places actually get their puppies from puppy mills and second-rate commercial breeding facilities.



For more information please visit www.nopupmillscanada.ca

