

# A QUESTION OF QUALITY

So why buy a puppy from a "Show" Breeder instead of buying one from a pet store or from a Backyard Breeder?

Consider which puppy would you rather buy?

A Show Breeder wants a puppy for the show ring, so they breed the best possible dogs together - and that not only includes looks but also health and temperament tested.

They give the mother the best medical care, best diet, best environment to make sure she is as healthy as possible

Their vet is on standby and will make a house call if anything happens during birthing.

The puppies are given the best medical care & attention, dietary supplements and best environment to give them the best possible start in life.

Cost approx \$1,500 with registration papers and back up support from the Breeder.

Responsible breeders have waiting lists and have "checked out" prospective puppy buyers to give their puppies the best possible homes to go to and keep in touch with them.

Take that an average litter is 5 or 6 puppies. A Show Breeder will probably get 1, maybe 2, at the outside 3 puppies that are good enough for the show ring. That means 3 of these puppies will go to Pet / Family homes.

Yes you may have to wait longer for a quality puppy but isn't quality worth waiting for?

Which puppy would you rather buy?

The Backyard Breeder breeds any two dogs together regardless of quality or temperament and almost definitely not health tested.

The mother isn't given anything extra to help during her pregnancy, probably sleeping outside and competing for food with other dogs.

The mother is probably left alone during her whelping and the inexperienced breeders would have no idea what to do in case of trouble.

The inexperienced breeder also doesn't know how to recognise that a puppy is sick or how to help them. Many BYB puppies are very sickly when sold to pet shops and can spread bugs among the other animals.

Cost approx \$1,500 with no papers and no after sales service or health guarantees.

Puppies sold through Pet Shops could be sold to anyone for any purpose. The BYB's either don't care about their puppies or have too many out there to keep track of.

