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So, you want a Bulldog Puppy or a Frenchie pup or are you wondering if an older dog might be right for you?

Before you start looking do your own homework about the breed you want and whether they will suit your lifestyle. Find your breeder through responsible channels. The DogsNZ web site is a good place to start. Contact our Bulldog Clubs who will put you in touch with breeders. If you can go to dog shows and meet breeders and their dogs. Remember the rest is up to you all breeders are not created equal so these are questions and points to consider when identifying a responsible breeder.

1. Ask if they Health test. This does not mean a vet check this means breed appropriate testing of the parents. What vaccinations will they have had buy the time the puppy comes home with you. Ask to see these results and have them explained to you.

2. Are they a member of DogsNZ and a breed club and will the dog be registered with DogsNZ. Explain what you want the puppy for and make sure that the puppy you are buying is registered accordingly. The responsible breeder will take time to explain this.

3. Do they comply with the DogsNZ code of ethics? Have them explain what that means.

4. A responsible breeder will breed to the Breed Standard and will not breed fad or rare coloured dogs and or introduce those dog's health issues to the breed.

5. A responsible breeder will meet with you and allow you to see the mother and their other dogs. They will be happy to spend time with you talking about the suitability of the breed for your family and their approach to breeding. Their dogs will be well cared for and puppies will be well socialised. They will be able to provide references from people who own their dogs.

6. A responsible breeder will ask you questions and want to be sure that your circumstances are right for their dog and that the bully breed is right for you. Their focus is on ensuring that their dogs are in safe and happy homes.

7. A responsible breeder will want to ensure that their dog is safe and cared for, for their whole lives. They will want to know:

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- that you will ensure the welfare of the dog all their lives, safe environment, food, water and if they need it ensure the dog gets veterinary help.
- if you can no longer keep the dog a responsible breeder will either want to rehome the dog themselves or help identify and or vet potential new homes.

8. Is there a contract that clearly lays out the breeders' obligations to you and yours to the puppy. Do you understand what you are signing?

9. A comprehensive pack of information including a diet sheet will come with the puppy. Their vaccination and worming records will be in the information pack

10. A responsible breeder will give ongoing advice and assistance for the lifetime of that puppy that's why a responsible breeder is the person you should be buying your puppy from.

Finally, you may think of other questions to ask. A responsible breeder will answer them.

If you have any questions please contact the secretaries of your local Bulldog Club. Details are above or below for the clubs

Auckland Bulldog Club: - <u>sarahj.baker@xtra.co.nz</u> French Bulldog Society: - trina.far74@xtra.co.nz Central Bulldog Club – <u>suechaytor@kinect.co.nz</u> Wellington Bulldog Club: - wgnbulldogclub@gmail.com

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