



CHECKLIST

What You Should Look For Before Buying A Puppy

Premises

- 1) Pet shop is licensed by AVA to sell puppies.
- 2) Pet shop premises is clean.

Pet Shop's Handling / Knowledge of Puppies

- 3) Shop owner or attendant is able to handle the puppies confidently and correctly.
- 4) Shop owner or attendant is knowledgeable about the puppies and their care.

Behaviour / Condition of the Puppy

- 5) Puppy looks bright and alert.
- 6) Puppy stands and moves naturally and comfortably.
- 7) Puppy is in good physical condition.
- 8) Puppy's eyes, nose and ears are clean and free from excessive discharge.
- 9) Puppy's haircoat appears clean and lustrous with no obvious hair loss.
- 10) Puppy does not scratch or chew itself excessively.

Vaccination / Deworming

- 11) Puppy has received at least 2 vaccinations against canine parvovirus, distemper and hepatitis. (check vaccination certificate)

- 12) Puppy's second vaccination was at least 2 weeks before the date of purchase.
- 13) Puppy was imported not less than 72 hours earlier. (for imported puppies)
- 14) Puppy has been dewormed. (check vaccination certificate)
- 15) Puppy is free from external parasites, i.e. ticks & mites.

Note:

These guidelines are intended to help you choose a puppy that is healthy and suitable for you. We would advise that if any of the boxes is not ticked (especially items 5 to 15), you should reconsider your purchase or consult your veterinarian. If you have any queries please contact the Centre for Animal Welfare & Control, 75 Pasir Panjang Road, Singapore 118507, Tel. 64717198, Fax: 64733687.