

# My Puppy Club

## 4 Key Questions to ask before

### CHOOSING a puppy!

#### 1. WHY a Puppy?

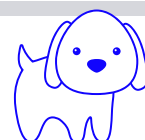
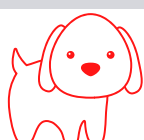
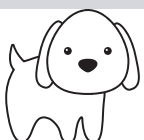
WHY would you like to welcome a puppy into your family?

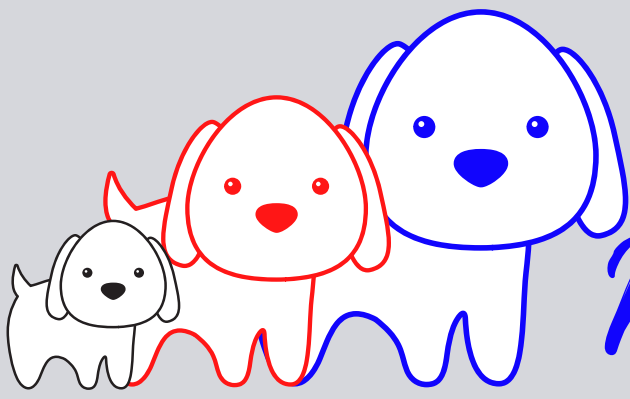
EG: unconditional love; emotional support; assistance dog; protection; sport/recreation; playmate for children; exercise more; children go outside more; meet new people; laugh and love; have a best friend. ***There's lots of great reasons***

#### 2. WHICH BREED?

Consider WHICH BREED suits your family's needs, lifestyle, and your reasons for getting a puppy - including:

- size as an adult dog; temperament; trainability;
- time you can commit to caring for physical/emotional/ social needs of puppy/dog;
- size of your home and yard; exercise requirements of the breed;
- allergies to dogs or tolerance of coat shedding;
- age of children/grandchildren;
- your budget for puppy purchase AND for ongoing food, care, treatment, grooming and vet costs





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## 3. WHERE to get your puppy from?

### Rescue or Purchase?

When looking for your new puppy you can visit your local shelter/rescue to see if they have a suitable, temperament tested (**eg suitable for children**) puppy/dog of a breed which meets your lifestyle/family needs.

**OR** you can purchase a puppy from a dog breeder.

### Puppy Scams ...

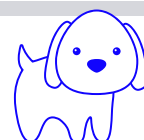
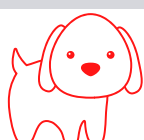
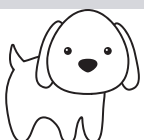
To avoid puppy scams click the link below for list of dog Breeding Associations and the scams currently operating/being shut down

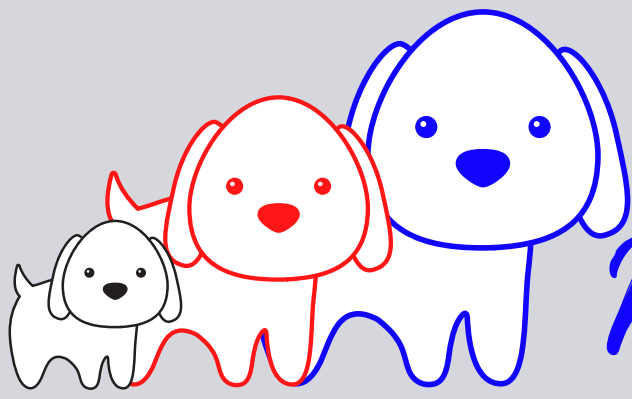
<https://fakepuppysitesaustralia.info/>

### Breeders

Unfortunately not all breeders are ethical and trustworthy. We highly recommend contacting registered breeders (registered with a breeding Association and their Local Government Council) who will provide you with information about the breed of puppy you are interested in.

**Registered breeders** will meet their Association's Code of Ethics.





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## 4. How to Find a Registered BREEDER?

### Registered Breeders

#### **Registered breeders will :**

- meet all the requirements of their local Code of Breeding Practice for Breeding Dogs
- meet or exceed all Animal Welfare requirements
- provide their Breeder Identification or Source Number
- plan their litters - as part of a breeding program
- provide information & pictures of the puppy's parents
- provide any DNA results they have for the parents/puppies
- provide information on how to prepare for your puppy
- provide information on how to care for your puppy including exercise, nutrition, general health & grooming
- provide microchipping and vaccination certificates
- desex the puppy or have a desexing requirement
- provide a health guarantee
- provide a refund and returns policy
- provide a life-time rehoming guarantee \*  
( \*so no puppy they breed will ever end up in a shelter)

Check the following website for a list of  
Australian Dog Breeder Associations and scammers  
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