

DR. BECKER'S PROSPECTIVE BREEDER QUESTIONNAIRE

Genetic and Health Screening Tests		
No.	Question	Notes
1.	Have all the currently appropriate DNA tests for the breed been conducted on the dam (mom)? (Find a list by breed at DogWellNet)	
2.	Have all of the currently appropriate DNA tests for the breed been conducted on the sire (dad)?	
3.	What were the screening results of Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHIP for hip dysplasia, elbow and patella for both parents?	
4.	For affected breeds, when were the dam and sire's thyroid results last registered with the OFA thyroid database?	
5.	Have the dam and sire's eyes been evaluated by an ophthalmologist and the results reported to the OFA eye certification database (if indicated for the breed)?	
6.	Are there any breed-related issues the breeder is trying to address/rectify/improve through mating this pair?	

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Epigenetics		
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7.	What percentage of the dam and sire's diet is unprocessed or minimally processed food?	
8.	What vaccine protocols have been followed for the dam and sire?	
9.	Is the puppy's vaccination protocol determined by a nomograph that tests the dam's antibody levels to determine on what day(s) vaccines will be most effective for the puppies?	
10.	How often are pesticides (topical or oral heartworm, flea and tick medications) given to the parents?	

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Socialization, Early Development and Wellness		
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11.	<p>What early socialization program* does the breeder institute during days 0 to 63 (first 9 weeks of life) prior to placing puppies in their new homes?</p> <p>*Additional information on early puppy socialization programs: Avidog Puppy Culture Enriched Puppy Protocol (EPP) Puppy Prodigies</p>	
12.	Does the contract require you to attend training classes with your puppy?	
13.	Does the breeding contract require puppies be spayed or neutered by a certain age?	
14.	If the answer to #13 is yes, does the sterilization clause include options for vasectomy or hysterectomy?	
15.	If appropriate for the breed, are puppies' eyes checked by a veterinary ophthalmologist between 6 and 8 weeks of age?	
16.	Have the puppies had a basic check up by the breeder's regular veterinarian prior to going to new homes and at what age will puppies be released?	

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Breeder Transparency		
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17.	Will the breeder allow you to visit their home or facility (in person or via live video) and provide references for you to call?	
18.	In the event you cannot keep your puppy or things don't work out, will the breeder take the puppy back at any time?	
19.	Is the breeder (or someone in their network) available for support should you need it?	
20.	<p>Will your puppy packet include all of the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract • AKC or applicable registration application or certificate if already registered • Other breed registry application or certificate (e.g., Australian Shepherd Club of America) • Litter pedigree • Copies of puppy's eye exam findings (if applicable) • Puppy general health summary from veterinarian (medical record from initial veterinary visit) • Dam health clearances, including copies of DNA results • Sire health clearances, including copies of DNA results • Photos of sire and dam • Educational resources (e.g., suggested feeding schedule, suggested vaccine protocols, suggested dates of antibody titers to ensure immunization occurred, training resources) 	