

Puppsstud – Complete Breeder Verification Checklist

This checklist is designed to help pet parents verify whether a breeder is legal, ethical, and compliant with Indian dog breeding laws. Use it before making any payment or commitment.

Breeder Credentials & Legal Compliance

- Is the breeder registered with the State Animal Welfare Board?
- Have you physically seen the valid Registration Certificate?
- Is the registration issued for this specific premises?
- Is the registration currently valid (not expired)?
- Is the breeder above 18 years of age?
- How many years has the breeder been operating?
- Does the breeder operate from a fixed, verifiable address?
- Is the breeder willing to allow a facility visit?
- Is only one breeding premises registered under this breeder?
- Does the breeder avoid claiming registration is “not required”?

Facility & Living Conditions

- Are dogs housed in clean, hygienic conditions?
- Is there proper ventilation and natural or artificial lighting?
- Are dogs free from stacked cages or wire flooring?
- Is there adequate space for movement and rest?
- Is fresh drinking water available at all times?
- Are feeding bowls and bedding clean?
- Is there a separate whelping area for mother and puppies?
- Is outdoor exercise space available?
- Is there no strong ammonia or waste odor?
- Are dogs comfortable and not fearful or aggressive?

Mother (Dam) & Father (Sire) Verification

- Have you seen the mother (dam) with the puppies?
- Is the mother healthy, alert, and calm in temperament?
- How old is the mother?
- How many litters has the mother had in her lifetime?
- Was there at least a 12-month gap between litters?
- Has the mother been bred only once in the last year?
- Is the father (sire) identifiable and documented?
- Are health test results available for both parents?
- Are parents free from visible genetic defects?

- Are parent dogs microchipped and identifiable?

Puppy Health, Age & Welfare

- Is the puppy at least 8 weeks old?
- Does the puppy appear active, curious, and alert?
- Are eyes clear with no discharge?
- Is there no coughing, diarrhea, or nasal discharge?
- Is the puppy free from fleas, ticks, or skin infections?
- Is the puppy appropriately sized and not underweight?
- Has the puppy been socialized with people and littermates?
- Does the puppy walk and move normally?
- Is the puppy eating solid food appropriate for its age?
- Is the puppy not fearful or excessively withdrawn?

Health Records & Documentation

- Is a vaccination card provided with vet stamp and license number?
- Are vaccination dates and batch numbers recorded?
- Is a deworming history and future schedule provided?
- Is there a recent veterinary health certificate?
- Is the puppy microchipped before sale?
- Is the microchip number recorded in all documents?
- Are feeding instructions provided in writing?
- Are breed-specific health test reports available (if applicable)?
- Are parents' health clearances documented?
- Is documentation complete and consistent across records?

Sales Contract, Buyer Rights & Red Flags

- Is a written sales contract (Form IV) provided?
- Does the contract mention refund or replacement terms?
- Are health guarantees clearly explained in writing?
- Is payment traceable (receipt, invoice, or bank transfer)?
- Is the breeder willing to answer all questions openly?
- Is there no pressure to decide immediately?
- Does the breeder discourage vet checks? (Red flag)
- Does the breeder avoid showing documents? (Red flag)
- Does the breeder sell multiple breeds at once? (Red flag)
- Does the breeder show interest in where the puppy will live?

If multiple red flags appear or critical documents are missing, do not proceed with the purchase. Ethical breeders welcome scrutiny. Illegal breeders avoid it.