

# SELECTING A PUG – A GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE BUYERS

## IDEALLY, THE PURCHASER SHOULD ..

1. buy from a seller who is knowledgeable about health problems of the breed and the pedigrees of the dogs he is producing. For their own protection, purchasers should never buy pugs from pet stores, nor from any individual who sells pugs that cannot be registered by the Victorian Canine Association Inc. (V.C.A.)
2. listen for the openness/honesty of the seller. The purchaser may have to deal with this seller during adverse circumstances in the lifetime of the dog. Ask the seller what, if any health problems they may have seen in their dogs.
3. go to the seller's residence to look at the puppy or mature adult if possible. Meet the seller and check out the environment that your prospective pug was raised in. An ethical seller will want to meet the purchaser as well, to ensure the pug is going to a good home.
4. Take the purchased pug for a veterinarian health check within 48 hours of purchase. Take along all health records provided by the seller.
5. avoid dealing with any seller who does not sell his pet stock with spay/neuter or V.C.A. restricted register. The breeding of pets, male or female almost always creates

inferior specimens, and is never in the interest of the breed.

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1. not release puppies under 8 weeks of age for reasons of health. The first veterinary check-up and vaccinations usually occur between 7 and 8 weeks of age.
2. provide a record of the type and date of vaccinations given.
3. provide feeding advice including a diet chart.
4. provide VCA papers and a copy of the VCA Code of Ethics.
5. provide receipts for the sale, which includes the dates before the sale that the puppy/dog had a veterinary check-up and any health problems noted by the seller's veterinarian.
6. provide a veterinarian's assurance that the puppy/dog has no contagious diseases.

## What is a Pure bred Pug?

A purebred pug is bred from parents registered with the Victorian Canine Association Inc. The pup comes with individual registration papers. It is the responsibility of the seller to register the purebred dog at no extra cost to the purchaser.