

Pet Purchase Checklist



Before

- Research which is the right type of animal for you, your family, and your lifestyle. Consider long term cost, and your work and family commitments
- Look at all options for where to get your pet. Please consider your local rescue shelters before speaking with other sellers.
- If you choose to get your pet from a private seller be sure to check out registered breeders, and be sure to check reviews and references

During

- Meet the animal in the place it was born and raised and check it's a genuine family home and not a staged environment
- If it's a young cat or dog (under 6 months), by law the animal **MUST** be seen with it's mum, and be sure to see them interacting
- Make sure the animal's old enough to be rehomed (check age milestone images online)
- Check to see the animal is eating well, and which food you'll need to buy
- Ask if the animal's been socialised with other animals and people, and find out about any training it's received
- Be sure to check the animal's in good health and alert
- The seller should be asking you questions about how you will care for the animal
- Find out if the seller can offer continued support after the sale, or return if needed
- By law, all dogs and horses **MUST** be microchipped
- Ask to see seller's ID, confirming name and address details
- Ask to see all documentation relating to veterinary care (vaccinations, microchip, etc), and registrations such as Kennel Club / TICA
- Ask to seller to complete a contract if buying a puppy which is available at <https://puppycontract.org>

Scams: Be Aware

- Seller demands a deposit without allowing you to see the animal first, or may be reluctant to send you additional photos and / or videos
- Seller offers to deliver the animal to you, preventing you from seeing the animal in the environment in which it was born and raised
- Seller uses fake images to sell the animal (always carry out a Google image search - the animal advertised may not be theirs)
- Seller makes excuses about why mum can't be seen, or uses a fake mum during the viewing