

SMOOTH COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

What to expect from a breeder

- The breeder should give you the opportunity to see the puppy with its mother and the rest of litter. This is very important because it will not only give you an opportunity to see the temperament of the mother, but may also give you an idea of the future characteristics and size of the puppy.
- Have the opportunity to see all the puppies and be able to handle them, rather than just seeing the puppy being offered to you.
- It is the responsibility of the breeder(s) to register the litter with the Kennel Club and each puppy in the litter will initially be registered in the breeder(s) name(s). The breeder(s) chooses the official Kennel Club names for all the puppies.
- Under normal circumstances, litter registration with the Kennel Club takes about 14 days, after which time the breeder(s) will receive the registration certificates for all the puppies in the litter. If there is a query with the application the Kennel Club will contact the breeder to resolve and further action may be required which may delay the registration process.
- If the dog is advertised as Kennel Club registered, you **should ensure that you take receipt of the Kennel Club Registration Certificate**. You must then proceed to apply to the Kennel Club to transfer your dog into your own name. Please be aware that you will require the signature of the breeder(s) to complete this. If the registration certificate is not available at the time of purchase, ensure that you receive an undertaking in writing from the breeder that this will be sent to you when available.
- From April 2016 all puppies must be microchipped before leaving the breeder.

What information to ask the breeder for

- **A Contract of Sale** - it is recommended that the breeder provide you with this. Amongst other things this should detail both the breeder(s) and your responsibility to the puppy. The contract should also list any official Kennel Club endorsements (restrictions) that the breeder has placed on the puppy's records, and in particular on what basis the breeder may be prepared to remove the endorsement. Endorsements the breeder may place on your puppy include not for breeding and not for export. Before or at the time of sale, you must give a signed acknowledgement of any endorsement placed.
- **Written advice on** training, feeding, exercise, worming and immunisation. There is now a Smooth Collie Club Puppy Handbook available to all breeders and owners.
- A pedigree detailing your dog's ancestry – this could either be hand-written or a printed pedigree from either the breeder or an official one from the Kennel Club.
- Copies of any **health certificates** for the puppy, sire and dam.
- Just like humans, some breeds of dogs can be affected by **inherited conditions**. The Kennel Club and the British Veterinary Association offer three canine health schemes, which aim to detect and monitor certain inherited conditions. It is important that you are aware of these conditions and know the right questions to

ask of breeders before buying a puppy. There are also some DNA tests now available for certain breeds. Visit the Kennel Club's [Breed Information Centre](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/breedhealth) at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/breedhealth for breed specific health information.

- The Smooth Collie Club of GB encourages all breeders to health screen their breeding stock in line with the Assured Breeder Scheme regardless of whether they are members or not.
- Ask **which vaccinations** your puppy has had and which ones are still required.