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Buying pups as working dog or for stock – any guarantees?

Discussion – thank you gentlemen.

Richard Garcia.

How about buying 4 pups from the same breeder to increase your chances of getting a good one, maybe more than one or maybe all work out or maybe none work out?

Or buy several pups from different breeders and increase your chances of getting a good one, maybe more than one, maybe all work out or maybe none work out?

That's why you can't guarantee pups or even grown dogs but as was mentioned you're better off getting dogs from reputable breeders with a good track record.

Jorge M. Garcia -

what I do. If you get 1 out of 4, that's ok.

If you get 0 out of 4, you'll probably stay away from the breeder all together.

Man, this sh*t takes years to get brood established!

I once got a pair of (insert name of infamous GR CH here) pups when I was rebuilding, and they both didn't make the cut!

Lot of money lost, but that's what it is.

After 8 years of being back with these dogs after a decade long break, I finally got a couple of good ones.

But thousands of USD after, and many painful years.

Richard Garcia - Jorge M. Garcia.

Good comments and you're right.

It takes years whether you get a good one from the beginning or get a good one later.

If people understood that then they could focus on what's in front of them and what to do about rather than feeling dejected or mistreated

Richard Garcia and Jorge M. Garcia - Great points. I always looked at this subject this way.... buying or acquiring the 1st initial or few pups or dogs for the program is always the hardest step due to the risk of turnout.... Getting it from a good reputable source increases your chances.

But once you get passed that stage and running your program and getting a few years and generations in it gets easier for 2 reasons.

1) Your practices.

2) And you learn and get used to that family of dogs, and it makes understanding what and what not to do with them go smoother as time progresses.

Alvon Portis.

I got this from a good kennels guy - told me I would never have to look back – it all worked out and doing well some might call it luck but the second litter doing the same so it hard to call it luck.

Joe Ed Goins – Alvon Portis.

It's really nice that's for sure. It makes it really hard to cull when their all good.

Alvon Portis - Joe Ed Goins.

Yea they create super good ones I would spend the same if I had to do it all over again.

Randy White - Alvon Portis.

I wouldn't necessarily call it luck.... If the breeder is breeding stock and it's what you like those dogs picked you as well.

TJ Fisher.

Non dogmen are the worst that complain about puppy prices.

Here is how a dogman views price.... for example, if I buy 4 pups at 2k a puppy that's 8grand.

Now let's say 3 quit and just one becomes a 4xw.

That 4xw is at least a 30k dog.

That my friends are money well spent.

A non dogman knows they are never going to show a dog and just peddle pups thus the financial benefit is much lower for them.

When I wanted a female bred a certain way back in the day, I bought all the females in the litter in hopes that one would turn out.

Sometimes I got lucky, and several made the cut and sometimes none did. At the end of the day the show winnings always covered what was initially spent.

I left the game better off than when I entered the game.... a LOT better off.

There are zero guarantees, and the sport wasn't for broke people or for people struggling financially.

You had to pay to play and if you were good at the game, you made money and came out ahead.

Peddlers often didn't realize no matter how well bred their pups where actual dogmen weren't going to buy from them.

Dogmen deal with other dogmen.

It's just how it was.

Right now, I own 2 dogs for a total cost of \$4,500.00.

As an adult in 2023 that for me isn't what I'd consider a lot of money considering I sold pups for 1k 20 years ago.

Jorge M. Garcia.

On the other hand, if you're paying \$3500 for a pup, you keep fingers crossed until it starts.

Fasstt Eddy.

A breeder deleted me for letting him know a pup was no good and he told me to keep him updated lol never responded or answered my calls lol and I wasn't looking for a replacement.

Randy White – Fasstt Eddy.

Nothing wrong with updating.

But may I ask what's with the replacement thing?

Is it the price?

The guarantee?

Or do you feel that's something all breeders should do?

I'm just trying to understand.

I feel a breeder that replaces dogs are just showing good faith gestures

– that's all.

Fasstt Eddy - Randy White

I wasn't looking for one.

I feel a replacement is for the customer to be satisfied when a breeder stands behind his stock.

I never expected one but it's nice when a breeder offers one.

I know the pup might not meet my standards before I get it.

I've culled too many to not understand that part of it.

Randy White - Fasstt Eddy.

Respect

Fasstt Eddy.

Think about this breed and know we not buying a house pet.

We want a working dog, and you should make it your priority to put out working stock as a breeder.

If I was breeding to sell, I would replace a cur with no hesitation.

I want you to come back for more and refer others to me.

Johnny Stompanato.

What constitutes a gamble?

High risk, high reward?

High risk, low reward?

Low risk of failure or gambling?

Any risk of failure a gamble?

Randy White - J. Stomponato.

That is a good question lol.

I would say any risk is a gamble except I rather gamble on the lower risk meaning where the dogs came from.

Richard Garcia - Jorge M. Garcia.

I have bought very few dogs in the years I have been with this breed.

I have had far more given to me than I have bought.

With that being said, I only buy dogs from those who guarantee their dogs. If the dog grows up and is not what the breeder and I expected, it to be.

The breeder simply replaces it. I give the same guarantee to anyone, I sell a dog too.

Randy White - Jerod Lennox.

I honestly don't understand the notion of the word "guarantee" far as a dog. In the hay days I never sold a dog, but I have given plenty away or farmed them out.

Some where the people felt good about them whether it was me or the dogs behind them.

Luckily, they were nice dogs.

But the only words they got from me was to test them hard and if they don't work out, please cull them from your program.

I would have been more upset if a dog who doesn't meet the requirements are still being used in a program that wasn't approved.

I don't care how they were bred or what their parents were.

Jerod Lennox - Randy White.

When buying or selling a dog it is important to explain what will be expected out of a dog.

As a seller I want to know what the buyer expects.

They may want a dog to show in conformation shows.

Therefore, they will need a dog that exhibits correct form.

Or maybe they want a dog to compete in Top Dog competition.

Therefore, the dog must exhibit high caliber abilities and desire to perform at those tasks.

Historically speaking (before was illegal) if the buyer wanted a box dog.

The dog must exhibit gameness, mouth, wrestling ability, intelligence, work ability, and finish.

Depending on what the buyer wants out of a dog, I will determine if I have what they are looking for.

Sometimes I do and sometimes I don't.

If I do not have what they are looking for I will suggest other breeders that will meet their standards.

If I have what they are looking for I will then sell them a pup.

Does that mean it always works out?

No!

But if it doesn't, I will replace the dog with another pup until their standard are met.

Another thing I do that few do is this.

If the buyer meets my standards and pours their absolute best into the dog and brings out its full potential.

I will then open my yard to them.

Future pups and stud services are free.

I'm more interested in building a team rather than just selling pups.

I only buy dogs from others that do as I do.

By doing so I have built an incredible team of individuals with the same goals as mine.

Therefore, together we have produced a family of dogs that can compete in any endeavor and task at hand.

Do they all workout?

Absolutely not!

But more so than not they do!

I have not sold or given away many dogs in my lifetime with this breed compared to most, but you will not find an individual that has purchased dogs from me that would not purchase or obtain another one.

Ron Dogma.

If you obtain a pup from a sound breeder that actually has a Family of Dogs with a solid gene pool your pup will basically/should exhibit at least the average of the line of dogs you have decided to invest in (cost, time, care, expenses, etc.)

There are no guarantees regardless of how much you pay or expect. The basic fact is that certain 'yard's' averages/productibility are higher than other yards.

You as the shopper, lol must do your research and choose wisely.

I am self-sufficient, the last dog I bought was a Brood bitch from Bert back in the mid- 80s.

Since then, dogs acquired by me have been from other reputable dogmen that have been gifted or traded amongst ourselves.

Randy White - Ron Dogma.

I agree.... And you said some key factors.

And once again, if someone is serious about where they want to be far as in success and preservation of the breed they should choose wisely.

But some people have rolled the dice whether it was from the pedigree or a high-profile stud dog that's in politics of the breeder behind it and gotten successful results.

But either way is still a gamble to put all eggs in 1 basket on 1 particular dog.

Randy White -Ron Dogma.

My biggest point on the whole subject is I don't understand why people get so bothered if it didn't work out.

Doesn't matter how much was invested in it.

A pup still needs proper care and upkeep.

The only difference is some breeders charge more or less than others.

Randy White.

I concur, the price is definitely a difference, which can signify a breeder's investment or a seller trying to recoup the money they spent acquiring. Supply and demand are the main driver.

Dogs do not know their monetary value.

Brynley Richards.

Also, any fool can ruin a dog, it take a little dedication an understanding to bring the best out of a dog – the breeder or his dogs is in most cases not to blame.

Randy White - Brynley Richards.

That's true as well and I can attest I have done that at a point in the past. But even so, I feel it's nothing to blame the breeder about. It doesn't make sense lol.

Richard Garcia.

Know that nothing is guaranteed.

You have to understand that and accept it, first.

If you go to a breeder who understands the dogs, they breed and are producing consistent results it should not be a gamble.

The only people who talk about these big gambles are usually peddlers. Go to someone who believes in their dogs and says to you hey you got areal good chance of this dog turning out.

Very few real breeders left now it's all been taken over by peddlers.

Randy White - Gabriel Shear.

I understand what you are saying but I respectfully disagree.

It doesn't matter how much success a said breeder has; every dog is not guaranteed to work and a lot won't.

It's in the law of percentages.

There's nothing wrong with having high hopes for a pup that comes from are spectacle breeder and the pup should be given a fair chance.

But it's still a gamble.

Nobody can and should guarantee anything and shame on the breeder that does so and shame on the consumer that entertains it.

A trusted breeder breeding high percentage dogs is always a good thing and what the consumer should go after but very few litters in history have 100 percent turnouts and even if the litter ends up being an 8/10 turnout it's a possibility those fallen 2 can fall in the said consumer's lap.

Gabriel Shear – Randy White.

There is a big difference in a breeder who openly states 8 out of 10 works than hey take your money and roll the dice.

You're investing in the selection process and understanding of breeding the breeder has.

Most people breed dogs to sell puppies.

Ask people why they bred such a litter and ask them difficult questions. I know I did when I got dogs.

Of course, no one could say for sure every dog will always work out or always does.

The first dog I got from Keystone didn't work out.

Keystone replaced him free of charge and gave me one of the best dogs I ever owned who in turn produced the best dog I have ever owned.

So yes, a breeder can absolutely stand behind their dogs.

Keystone was willing to replace dogs that were no good.

To me that's the difference between a breeder and a puppy seller.

Someone who truly stands behind what they believe in.

Gabriel Shear.

When I stated 8 out of 10 working, I'm talking past tense on the actual litter someone purchased a pup out of.... no breeder can state every breeding they do 8 out of 10 works.

You can repeat the exact same breeding and get less results.

A breeder that replaces pups are breeders built on integrity to satisfy their customers. I never sold a dog honestly so I don't understand the actual "business" part of it - so I will let you have that debate, but as a past consumer I've purchased dogs and had good results from breeders and some not good results.

Same for free gifts.

Never 1 time did I try to double back for a replacement.

Never 1 time did I care to bash them about how it turned out.

It never mattered to me because I didn't treat any pup as they were guaranteed to do anything.

I enjoyed the pups/prospects who showed good signs.

My mind set on the 1s that didn't make it was the 1 I picked didn't make it. I bred my own dogs but didn't publicize them.

And from that experience I learned you have 2 things going.... better

percentages with good breeding practices, and some dogs are blessed with the golden stick or cooch to throw exceptional.

The reason I don't care to mention puppy sellers in my post because they come with the game.

But to me if someone has the intent to breed and sell dogs to make a profit, **they all play apart in peddling some way or another.**

It just some have better yards and success than others due to practices.

But just because someone "does good business" doesn't guarantee better -percentages than a private person who "don't sell" dogs or a person who peddles a large quantity of dogs.

It just means in the business world they are more trustworthy to do business with and 1 should feel good about their investment.

But it doesn't guarantee anything as far as the overall turnout of the said dog.

That's why I believe bloodlines pick people, and people don't pick bloodlines.

Some dogs work better depending on who's behind it.

Gabriel Shear - Randy White.

I get what you're saying.

What I was alluding to i believe the more research you put into a breeder and line the better chance of a good turn out and certainly know a pup might not turn out that's why you never judge a line based on 1 dog.

So, I think if you go to the right breeder and probably look at getting a few you'll at least see the average of the line.

I also agree different lines will suit some people better.

Some lines are more forgiving to beginners who are prone to making mistakes.

Other lines require more understanding of.

Randy White - Gabriel Shear.

I agree 100%.

The funny thing about making this post.... my keep/brother and I acquired some dogs from a good buddy of mines that breeds a particular family of dogs I was interested in.... we continued to acquire more and more due to the 1st turning out exceptionally well.

And let's just say we ended up being 7 for 7 far as satisfied to what came from that breeder.

We were lucky to take that chance.

I purchased the 1st after doing my homework, and the rest was history.
The rest were gifts to us being honest with said person.

So, trust me I can attest to what you're saying.

But even in the past we came across our fair share of culls bred from all walks of life.

And some of those culls we were high on for hopes.

It happens and will happen.

Joe Ed Goins.

It's better to know who you're getting your pup from.

If the breeder is not active then you're probably not going to be happy with the pup.

Randy White - Joe Ed Goins true.... But also, not guaranteed.

It's more so the ratio of high/low risk type of thing as **Johnny Stompanato** stated.

Some non-active breeders' dogs with active doggers show the difference.

Randy White.

it's never guaranteed.

That's why we cull, you never know.

Анатолий Ко.

People are divided into those who can see, or rather, feel the potential of a puppy or dog.

Such people are a catastrophic minority, there are only a few of them.

The absolute majority proceed from formal signs based on paper, from Pedigrees to Articles in JOURNALS.

There are also fantastic people who, for the first time in their lives, acquire a dog of this breed and are sure that they will definitely have a Champion who will "defeat everyone at once."

The fantastic thing is that sometimes such dreamers are fantastically lucky, and they get a DOG who does everything himself, despite all the actions, hindrances and mistakes made by such dreamers.

These are the rarest cases, but there are thousands of people who "believe in such a lottery", and lotteries sometimes happen.

If the choice of a puppy or a dog is made by the buyer, he is

responsible for his choice and he is responsible for his contribution to the dog, in terms of time, labor and material investments. In this case, he cannot make claims against the breeder.

If a puppy or a dog is recommended or donated by a breeder, it is the Breeder's responsibility for the quality of the dog, provided that the acquirer did not make obvious or gross mistakes when raising and training the dog this do happen. In this case, the breeder guarantees the replacement of the dog that did not meet the expectations of the breeder and the owner.

In the old days, breeders gave a guarantee for the game in dogs of their breeding Sire, Dam and family of dogs.

But they never gave guarantees for any possible titles.

That's it – Gawie Manjaro MK.

