

QUESTIONS TO ASK A BULLMASTIFF BREEDER

The following is a list of questions that you should consider asking a Bullmastiff Breeder when looking to buy a puppy or dog. The Desirable Answers to these questions are available online at www.bullmastiffinfo.org . Feel free to run off a copy of this sheet to take with you on your interviews for the convenience of comparing notes between different Breeders' answers.

HEALTH RELATED QUESTIONS:

Written Contract Availability and Coverage Information::

Request to see a copy of the contract.

Time Length of Contract as a whole? (1 year, 2 years, 3 years, lifetime of Bullmastiff)

Health guarantee and time limit once puppy is received? (ex: replacement/refund if puppy dies within 72 hours of uncontrollable causes or has a serious health condition)

[Hip Dysplasia](#) - length of time coverage is for? (1 year, 2 years, or until Bullmastiff passes [Penn-Hip](#) or [OFA](#))

[Elbow Dysplasia](#) - length of time coverage is for? (1 year, 2 years, 3 years or until OFA passed)

Inoculations and worming provided?

Pedigree documentation provided?

Registration costs included (if you are getting a show quality Bullmastiff)?

What [Registry](#) do you register your Bullmastiffs with?

Breeding rights - are there any and what are the requirements?

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Showing rights - are there any and what are the requirements?

[Spaying/Neutering](#) - what are the requirements?

Home environment restrictions - list any (ex: must be kept indoors, cannot ride in truck beds, etc.)

Additional restrictions not covered in the above questions?

Sire and Dam Screening (Must provide documented proof of results):

Generation	Hip Rating		Elbow Rating		Thyroid Rating		Eye Certification	
	Mother/Father		Mother/Father		Mother/Father		Mother/Father	
Mother								
Father								
Grandmothers								
Grandfathers								
Great-Grandmothers								
Great-Grandfathers								

Request to see [documented proof](#) of at least three (3) generations' worth of health clearances from both the sire AND the dam.

Have you had any Bullmastiffs of your breeding die from [Kidney Disease \(or Renal Failure\)](#)?

Have you had any indication of [Heart Problems](#) within your breeding program?

Have you had any Bullmastiffs of your breeding die from [Cancer](#)?

What is the average lifespan of the Bullmastiffs and their litters in your specific breeding program?

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Have you had any problems in the past with the [Temperaments](#) in any of the above generations? If so, please explain.

Do you [Temperament Test](#) your puppies before placement in new homes? If so, please explain.

Why did you decide to breed this bitch? Why did you decide to breed this bitch with this particular stud?

BREEDER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION:

How many litters do you have available per month, per year, per 5 years, etc.

What specific congenital defects have you encountered during the course of your Bullmastiff breeding history?

What type of environment do your dogs and puppies live in? (ex: crated outside/inside, kennel atmosphere, etc.)

At least one reference of each of the following categories (none of which may be related to you:

1. Veterinarian(s): (The vet should be the one to provide proof of certification/registration of all testing the breeder(s) has done for the sire and dam.)
2. Past customer(s) who has one or more of your Show Quality Bullmastiffs:
3. Past customer(s) who has one or more of your Pet Quality Bullmastiffs:

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What type of customers do you sell to for your:

1. Show Quality Bullmastiffs (ex: exhibitors, professional handlers, breeders, etc.)
2. Pet Quality Bullmastiffs (ex: private individuals, breeders, etc.)

Your availability should I have a problem concerning the puppy?

Permission to visit your bullmastiffs and the premises on which they live? Appointment time?

Will you provide information on where I can visit the stud?

Will you take the Bullmastiff back should I not want it or cannot keep it any longer?

Are there any reasons as to which you would refuse to take the Bullmastiff back? If yes, what are those reasons?

Other comments:

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