

# Buyer beware

When you have done a lot of research and are sure you can provide everything a dog needs for its lifetime and buying a puppy is a good idea, then it's time to find a good breeder. Be prepared for this to take some time.

Bad breeders or dealers sell puppies in apparently normal family homes. But it might be a fake. Ask lots of questions. If you're made to feel a nuisance or don't get straight answers, walk away.

Never buy without seeing puppies interacting with a friendly, interested, healthy looking mum. Fake mums are commonly used to dupe buyers.

If you have suspicions do not buy thinking you're rescuing the puppy. You are providing money that will finance a bad breeder, dealer and potentially criminal business. Walk away and report to local Trading Standards.

Insist on using a puppy contract.

Tell anyone you know who is thinking about buying a puppy to do all this.

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# The Puppy Trade Today

# Puppy farming

This is a term used to describe puppies bred in places where large numbers of dogs are kept and given little or no care. But the puppy trade has many bad elements and 'puppy farming' is a misleading term but easy to use.

**Puppy farming, backyard and low welfare breeding**, all mean the same thing: dogs kept only to make money from. Often with just enough care given to keep them alive and productive. All this leads to dogs and their puppies suffering.

## Dogs we help

Many of the dogs helped by Schnauzerfest have come out of the dog breeding industry. Before we get to help them, they have been kept in sheds, kennels, farms, even in cages in residential houses.



## Why is this allowed?

There are many legally operating puppy farms. Some are licensed to keep hundreds of dogs.

Would you like your puppy, or adult dog, to be kept in a place where hundreds of dogs are confined?

## Puppy farming is still a legal business.

There are also many illegal, unlicensed breeders. Criminals are switching from dealing in drugs to puppies as the penalties if caught are far less.

## See our website for a lot more information

[www.schnauzerfest.org](http://www.schnauzerfest.org)



# How can you help?

However much you want a puppy, make sure you spend time doing your research. Buying a puppy should involve time, research and lots of knowledge. If you buy without this, you risk buying a puppy badly who may fall ill and cost you a lot of money in vet bills, or worse, die. It really is that bad for puppies and puppy buyers today.

All of us can learn more about the puppy trade and how to avoid buying puppies who start life in places where their parents live and die badly.