

Parent Dog

WELFARE CHECKLIST

Healthy parents. Loved lives. Better generations.

Responsible breeding means putting the welfare of parent dogs first—always.



1. OVERALL HEALTH

My dog receives:

- ☐ Regular veterinary examinations
- ☐ Up-to-date vaccinations
- ☐ Parasite prevention
- ☐ Appropriate nutrition
- ☐ Ideal body condition
- ☐ Exercise and enrichment
- ☐ Clean, safe living environment
- ☐ Dental care
- ☐ Prompt treatment when needed
- ☐ Regular health monitoring

A healthy dog is better prepared for life—and for breeding.



2. HEALTH TESTING & SCREENING

Appropriate testing completed:

- ☐ Breed-specific health tests
- ☐ Genetic testing (when relevant)
- ☐ Eye examination
- ☐ Cardiac evaluation
- ☐ Hip evaluation
- ☐ Other recommended testing
- ☐ Reproductive health evaluation
- ☐ Results reviewed with my veterinarian
- ☐ Records are kept and updated

Knowledge today protects tomorrow.



3. DAILY WELFARE & WELL-BEING

My dog's daily life includes:

- ☐ Quality time with people
- ☐ Appropriate social interaction
- ☐ Mental stimulation
- ☐ Physical exercise
- ☐ Rest and relaxation
- ☐ Enrichment and play
- ☐ Comfortable, quiet space
- ☐ Freedom from unnecessary stress
- ☐ Love, patience, and respect

Welfare is more than care. It's quality of life.



4. BREEDING FREQUENCY & RECOVERY

I consider the individual dog:

- ☐ Fully recovered from previous litter
- ☐ Healthy body condition maintained
- ☐ No repeated complications
- ☐ Adequate time between litters
- ☐ Veterinary input considered

Questions I ask myself:

- ☐ Is another litter in her best interest?
- ☐ Would rest be the healthier choice?
- ☐ Am I breeding for the dog or for my goals?
- ☐ Is she thriving, not just surviving?

*Her health.
Her happiness.
Her future.*



5. PREGNANCY, WHELPING & RECOVERY

I provide thoughtful care:

- ☐ Pregnancy confirmed by veterinarian
- ☐ Proper nutrition and weight management
- ☐ Safe medications and supplements
- ☐ Prepared for whelping
- ☐ Emergency plan in place
- ☐ Postpartum monitoring
- ☐ Support during nursing
- ☐ Gradual return to normal activity
- ☐ Time to heal, rest, and recover



6. STUD DOGS MATTER TOO

My stud dog receives:

- ☐ Health testing
- ☐ Regular veterinary care
- ☐ Exercise and enrichment
- ☐ Social interaction
- ☐ Mental stimulation
- ☐ Time to rest
- ☐ Respect and gentle handling
- ☐ Not treated as a breeding tool



7. KNOW WHEN TO RETIRE

I am willing to retire my dog when:

- ☐ Age, health, or recovery is a concern
- ☐ Complications occur
- ☐ Breeding is no longer in her best interest
- ☐ Veterinary recommends retirement
- ☐ Emotional or physical well-being declines
- ☐ The risks outweigh the benefits

*Retirement is love in action.
A better life can begin when breeding ends.*



8. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER RETIREMENT

My retired dog will have:

- ☐ A safe, stable home
- ☐ Ongoing veterinary care
- ☐ Love and companionship
- ☐ Enrichment and a routine
- ☐ Financial plan for care
- ☐ A forever commitment
- ☐ Peace and a life beyond breeding



9. QUESTIONS PUPPY FAMILIES CAN ASK

- ☐ Where do the parent dogs live?
- ☐ Can I meet the mother when appropriate?
- ☐ What is her temperament like?
- ☐ What health testing has been completed?
- ☐ How often has she been bred?
- ☐ How much recovery time does she receive?
- ☐ What veterinary care does she receive during pregnancy?
- ☐ What happens if she experiences complications?
- ☐ How are the dogs exercised and enriched?
- ☐ What happens to breeding dogs when they retire?
- ☐ Are retired dogs kept by the breeder or placed in homes?
- ☐ How does the breeder decide when a dog should stop breeding?



Our Promise

We are committed to the health, happiness, and lifelong well-being of every dog in our care.

Different roles. One goal.

HEALTHIER DOGS & HEALTHIER GENERATIONS.



TETHERED TIP

When the dogs thrive, the breed thrives.

