

HCA Breeder Referral Questionnaire

For Buyers: Below are ten questions buyers should ask of any prospective breeder. A puppy's heredity and early days are important. We discourage buying puppies from pet stores, and from commercial brokers through web sites for many reasons.

These questions are intended to show a few of them.

1. Are you a member of the Havanese Club of America, the AKC parent club of the Havanese breed?
 - Are you a member of a local Havanese club? Which one?
 - Are you a member of an AKC licensed all-breed club? Which one(s)?
2. Do your dogs compete in AKC events?
 - Conformation
 - Agility
 - Rally-O
 - Obedience
 - What are the titles they have earned?
3. Are the sire and dam of your puppies AKC Champions and will you provide a three-generation pedigree for the puppy?
4. Are you able to tell me what approximate size and weight my puppy will be as an adult?
5. Do you do any Health testing? The four recommended by the HCA are:
 - BAER
 - CERF
 - OFA Patellas and Hips
6. Have the above tests been done on the sire and dam of the litter?
 - If yes, are the sire and dam listed on the OFA/CERF sites?
7. Do you socialize your puppies? What methods do you use?
8. If a buyer is not nearby how will they get a puppy? Do you ship puppies?
9. Do you provide a written contract?
10. If the buyer cannot keep a puppy or dog purchased from you will you take back the puppy or dog under all conditions and will you be available to mentor a new owner for the life of the dog?