

You want to buy your dog from a breeder who cares about the puppies they produce and the people who adopt them.

Responsible breeders put a great deal of time, energy and care into each litter they breed. They will welcome your questions about their dogs and will be happy to talk with you about health, temperament, soundness, trainability and hunting ability. They will be able to tell you a lot about the puppies' ancestors and what characteristics they expect to see in the puppies. They will tell you how they socialize young puppies to help them become good companions. You can expect them to ask you questions about your expectations of a dog, to help determine if a puppy from this litter would be a good "fit" for you. Responsible breeders stand behind their dogs with a guarantee.

The Twin Cities Vizsla Club offers this checklist as a guideline for you to use when talking with breeders.

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## Checklist for Vizsla Breeders and Buyers

A responsible breeder will answer your questions about all of these items and how they apply to the litter you are considering.

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Offspring</u>
* AKC Registered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* OFA Certification Number (Hips)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CERF Certification Number (Eyes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>AKC/Other Titles</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Pet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting Companion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

\* These minimum requirements should be met by all breeders.

OFA Status - grading of a dog's hips by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

CERF status - evaluation of dog for heritable eye conditions

*"Any person who takes the responsibility of breeding their bitch must take on the responsibility for every puppy produced."* Marion Coffman, 1995

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