

ABOUT NAIA

The mission of the National Animal Interest Alliance is to promote the welfare of animals, strengthen the human-animal bond, and safeguard the rights of responsible animal owners. Our members are pet owners, dog and cat clubs, obedience clubs and rescue groups, as well as breeders, trainers, veterinarians, animal scientists, farmers, anglers, hunters, and wildlife biologists.

Many of America's most respected authorities on animal welfare, animal management, animals and public policy, and responsible pet ownership belong to NAIA. We're a traditional organization with an educational approach. We support the rights of others to disagree with our views, but not to break the law or use threats, lies, intimidation, harassment, or violence to force their views on others.

NAIA supports animal welfare and the rights of animal owners by:

- Providing factual information to the public about animals and animal welfare issues
- Creating programs to improve the care and welfare of animals
- Helping local animal welfare groups achieve their mission
- Helping local authorities write reasonable laws that target irresponsible ownership practices and inhumane treatment of animals while safeguarding the rights of responsible animal owners
- Supporting enforcement of state and federal laws that mandate the proper treatment of animals and provide penalties for animal abuse



NAIA MEMBERSHIP

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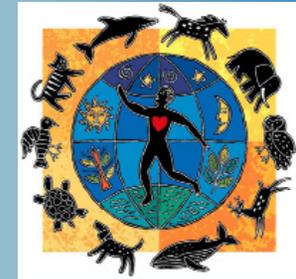
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The Right Dog for Your Family



NAIA's Guide to Finding a Good Breeder



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BUYING FROM A BREEDER

Buying a dog directly from a reputable breeder is an excellent way to find a pet that is just right for you.

Bringing a dog into the family is a big step. You want a dog that fits your lifestyle, and you want to minimize surprises. A puppy will live with a family for a dozen years or more, so selecting just the right puppy and breeder can be critical to initiating and developing a strong bond with the dog.

Good breeders are people who study their breeds and make decisions based on temperament, structure, and health. For these people, raising the best dog is much more than a business. It's a passion, a labor of love, and a lifelong commitment. You can reap the benefits of this devotion when you select one of their puppies.

You are purchasing more than a happy, healthy puppy when dealing with a good breeder: you are also receiving peace of mind and knowledge that will help you to be a happier, more capable pet owner.

Before purchasing your puppy, your breeder should supply:

- Information on what to expect from your puppy and whether it is right for your lifestyle
- Answers to question regarding your puppy's care and training
- A pedigree displaying parentage and genetic history
- Information about the health of your puppy and his parents

You should also expect:

- A contract clearly defining the responsibilities of both the seller and the buyer. This often covers both return policy and spay/neuter considerations, and reminds the buyer that they have responsibilities, too.
- The breeder's litter should be eligible for registration with a reputable national registry, such as the American Kennel Club (AKC)
- Health and vaccination records, and a health care plan for your puppy
- An agreement to take back puppies that don't adapt to your home

A good breeder also makes a difference in his or her community by:

- Promoting responsible pet ownership and good neighbor practices
- Helping pet owners train and socialize their dogs
- Serving as an expert on all issues related to dogs



FINDING A GOOD BREEDER

If you know where to look, a good breeder is easy to find!

- Ask a veterinarian for a referral
- Attend a dog show
- Ask local dog groomers, boarding kennels, or other pet service providers

FOR MORE ADVICE

Call on the American Kennel Club (www.akc.org) to locate the national breed club for information on your chosen breed. They can direct you to a responsible breeder in your area

At the same time, avoid the high profile fund-raising groups that are always in the news. Groups like the Humane Society of the United States and PETA may be good at making headlines but they know very little about dog breeding.