

Top Tips for Buying a Puppy or Kitten



Here's our list of Do's & Don'ts when buying a new puppy or kitten and red flags to look out for.

DO



Take your time and research reputable breeders. You may need to travel to get the right pet for you.

Check the animal's age. Puppies and kittens should NEVER be sold under 8 weeks old.

Visit the breeder several times to check on your new pet in their home until they're ready to leave.

Make sure the real mum is present at each visit. Most fake mums won't interact with the puppies.



DON'T

Don't consider anyone who is advertising many litters from different breeds. This is a red flag.

Don't buy without knowing who the seller's vet is, and seeing records of vaccinations, flea/worm treatment & microchip.

Don't buy if you feel rushed or pressurised into parting with cash - this is another red flag.

Don't buy a puppy or kitten that is displaying health problems as this is not normal.