



THE DOBERMANN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

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The Dobermann Club of Victoria Inc recommends the following questions be asked of any breeder of whom you are enquiring when purchasing a Dobermann puppy.

- How long have you been breeding?
- Why have you bred this litter?
- How many litters do you have per year?
- Are your puppies born and reared in a home environment?
- Has health and temperament been taken into consideration with this litter?
- What health testing has been done on the parents?
- Will the puppies be health tested?
- Will the breeder ensure I get copies of these health certificates?
- vWD1 – von Willebrands disease (Type 1) - this is a Code of Practice within Victoria only – all breeders **must** advise of the “reading” of the puppies and/or parents – *ie Orivet in Aust or overseas Labs ie Embark supply certificates of DNA results - Refer to Victorian State Government website- <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/pocta-act-1986/victorian-codes-of-practice-for-animal-welfare/code-of-practice-for-the-breeding-of-animals-with-heritable-defects-that-cause-disease>*
- If breeder notes clear by parentage, will they supply a copy of the parent’s tests to verify both parents are clear.
- What diet does the dam have and what will the puppies be fed? Do you offer a booklet containing information on diet, training tips etc.
- What support do you offer?
- Are you contactable for questions re the puppy as it grows?
- Do you have any puppy buyers I can contact for a reference?
- Can I/we meet the parents (or at least the dam) of this litter?
- Will these puppies be on the Full or Limited Register?
- Do you have any contracts that must be signed?

PLEASE NOTE – **NO** breeder can guarantee that any Dobermann puppy is DCM (Dilated Cardio Myopathy) free or clear, without DNA testing, as there are currently only two reliable, testable genes - named DCM1 and DCM2, out of dozens that we can **DNA** test for. They may be negative of one or all of these but this does **NOT** guarantee them of being DCM Clear or free. Please ensure you view the paper work for test results and they contain the correct Microchip Number for that dog.

Yearly Halter Monitors from 2yo and ECGs are also recommended. We can assist with finding you the hire of a Holter Monitor.

If any breeder states that they are members of The Dobermann Club of Victoria Inc on their website etc, please ensure you contact the club for clarification and authenticity.

Contact the club if you have any queries - secretary@dobermannclubvictoria.com.au