QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK A BREEDER BEFORE YOU BUY A PUPPY

1. Are they a member of the Hungarian Vizsla Club or Hungarian Vizsla Society

*If they are members of HVC or HVS then they will subscribe to a set of standards known as a code of ethics, this can be seen on the Club website*

1. Are the sire and dam both KC registered

*Both dogs need to be registered at the KC for your puppy to be registered and to be a pedigree puppy.*

1. Does the breeder own sire and dam and can both be seen, if not who owns sire

*You need to see the dam with the puppies*

1. What are the DOBs of sire and dam

*The dam should be at least 2years 3 months and not over 8 years and the sire should be over 18 months. These are the ages that experience and also breed experts consider that HV s are the right ages for breeding*

1. How many litters has the dam had

*A bitch should have no more than three litters between the ages of 2 years & 8 years*

1. What was the date of the previous litter, if any

*A dam should not have more than one litter in any 12 month period*

1. What health tests have the sire and dam undergone and can you have a sight of the certificates

*Dogs should definitely have hip scores and preferably elbow scores and eye tests, see the Club website for acceptable scores*

1. Is there any history of serious illness in the pedigree of the puppy

*You need this information in case puppy develops symptoms in later life*

1. How many litters has the breeder bred altogether and how many in the last 12 months.

*If they have bred more than 5 litters in the last 5 months they should be licensed by the local council*

1. How long have they owned the breed
2. Does the breeder show, work or compete in agility or obedience with their dogs
3. Will the puppies be docked and have dew claws removed
4. When will the KC registration certificate for my puppy be given to me

*This should be given to you when you collect the puppy and the breeder should have signed the back of the form to indicate that you are the new owner – a copy of a recent KC registration document is attached so that you know what this looks like. It should not be confused with a ‘pedigree’ which is a chart of the puppy’s ancestors*

1. Will the registration be endorsed and what are the conditions for removal of the endorsements

*A concerned breeder will endorse the kc registration certificate to ensure future breeding is carried out responsibly and should explain this to a prospective purchaser*

1. What will the puppy pack contain.

*This should have information about feeding regimes, dates of worming, information about vaccination, information on training your dog, full contact details of the breeder, kc puppy insurance for first 4 weeks, if docked docking authorisation signed by vet, microchip details*

1. Will there be a contract of sale, can it be viewed before purchase
2. Is the breeder happy for you to contact any previous puppy owners
3. Will the breeder be happy for you to contact them after the puppy leaves and for how long

*The breeder should be happy for you to contact them at any time during the lifetime of the dog*