

Suggested Breeder Interview Questions

Once you are sure you want an Ibizan Hound, it is important to know what questions to ask.

Here are some important questions:

- *How long have they been breeding?*
- *Are they a member of dog-related clubs other than IHCUS?*
- *Do their dogs do well with children?*
- *Do their dogs do well with other pets?*
- *Ask which, if any, dogs in the puppy's pedigree have been affected with hereditary problems.*
- *What type of congenital defects may be found in their line?*
 - More information on breed specific health testing can be found here: [*Canine Health Information](#)
- *Do they always do the health screenings recommended by the Ibizan Hound Club of the U.S. prior to breeding a litter?*
 - Ask to see the test results on both parents from the litter you are considering getting a puppy from.
 - The Ibizan Hound Club of the U.S. recommends that all breeding stock be tested for hereditary defects. All responsible breeders will be able to discuss this with you. No responsible breeder will say that they have no health concerns.
- *What guarantees do they give on health problems that may arise?*
 - What is their policy on money refunded or help with medical bills?
 - Will they take the dog back at any time for any reason?
- *Have the puppies' temperaments been evaluated and can they guide you to the puppy that will best suit your lifestyle?*
 - A caring breeder will know the puppies and be able to show you how to test them so that good matches can be made.
- *Ask how long they have been in the breed?*
 - Are they involved in other breeds as well?
 - If they are new in the breed, do they have a mentor?
- *Do they show their dogs?*
 - A responsible breeder will be involved in show and performance events to help ensure that their dogs display the desired physical and behavioral traits desired for the breed.
- *Ask to see a copy of their contract BEFORE deciding on a puppy! (The breeder should be able to provide you with a written contract)*
 - *Do you understand the terms of the contract?*
 - *Can you comply with all the terms?*
 - *Does the breeder require a co-ownership? If so, then thoroughly review all that is expected of both the buyer and the seller.*
 - *What environmental requirements are placed on you, such as mandating a fenced yard?*