

Questions to expect from breeders:

- **Where you heard about Vizslas.**
- **Why you want a Vizsla, as opposed to another breed or a mixed breed.**
- **Prior experience with dogs/Vizslas, especially training them, and whether you've ever raised a puppy before and if so, what breed.**
- **How many people live in your home, especially children and their ages.**
- **About your lifestyle and how the dog will fit into it, especially during the next 2 years, and whether someone is home during the day.**
- **The particular characteristics you want in your puppy/dog, including personality and gender and why.**
- **Other pets in the house.**
- **Whether you intend to spay/neuter or breed your dog.**
- **To describe where the puppy will live, sleep and stay when you are away.**
- **What kind of dwelling you live in, if you have a fenced yard and if not, where the dog will exercise.**
- **To describe the activity level/exercise requirements you have for your dog and how you plan to exercise your puppy.**
- **Whether you are interested in showing your dog, or co-owning with breeder until show qualities are or are not obvious.**
- **Your current veterinarian's name and phone number.**

Questions to ask breeders:

- **How is the temperament of the sire and dam?**
- **What were you striving for as part of your breeding programs?**
- **Do you personally know other dogs in the pedigree of the puppies?**
- **Are you affiliated with any regional or national Vizsla clubs?**
- **How do you plan your litters and rate the pups?**
- **Are the pups handled daily by the breeder?**
- **Are you going to keep a pup? If not, why not?**
- **What are the AKC registered names and titles of the sire and the dam?**
- **Do you offer a health/temperament guarantee with your puppies? What does it entail?**
- **How long have you been in the breed?**
- **Are you willing to answer my questions after I take the dog home?**
- **Do you require a spay/neuter or limited registration on pets?**
- **Will you assist me if I cannot keep the dog?**
- **When can I visit my new puppy?**
- **What veterinary care will the puppy have had when I take it home?**
- **What paperwork will I receive with my puppy?**

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