

How to Select a Puppy for Show

All puppies look sweet, but not every puppy has champion show-dog potential.

Buying an Older Puppy or Adult Dog

Another possibility for a new exhibitor is to buy a dog that has already been in the show ring. Sometimes a breeder may campaign a youngster for a few shows with the intention of selling the puppy at a high price when he already has some success under his belt (or collar!). Just occasionally, an older dog of good quality may be for sale because a breeder has more stock than he can campaign successfully, or even because of conflict of temperament between the dogs at home. However, if an older dog is of really high quality, the price will be commensurate, and the breeder may not be willing to let the dog go to anyone other than an exhibitor who has a proven record of success in the ring.

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