

## Six Signs of a Great Breeder

**Look for these clues, and you'll go home with a healthy, happy puppy.**

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The Silberhorns passed muster, and when the puppies were born in late October 1995, they went to see the puppies and visited often to help socialize them. These visits helped Mercer decide which puppy would get along best with the Silberhorns. They named the plucky pup Molly.

Even now, nine years later, the Silberhorns couldn't be more pleased, especially because Molly is so sociable. Mercer remains important to Molly and her owners. She grooms Molly, occasionally boards her and, most importantly, serves as a great resource.

"Geri is so knowledgeable about dogs," Silberhorn says. "She offers a second opinion on everything. She's someone you can talk to and bounce information off of. She loves our dog."

As the Silberhorns discovered, finding the right breeder can make the difference between finding a happy, healthy puppy and getting a dog that's possibly neither. Do the same, and you'll find it was worth every minute of the time and effort you spent making sure your puppy's breeder exhibited the six signs of greatness.

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