

## **To consider when importing a puppy...**

There used to be a time when an imported puppy was something special, something that was to be cherished. It was of a pure quality and individually elite. Different from the rest, yet a superb example of the standard from where the breed originated. Now we see negative news flashed all over the Internet about imported puppies. Puppies that have fallen sick or died from serious illness. Many of these puppies are coming from European puppy mills. These dogs are being forced to produce in mass numbers with no regard to health or quality. Some U.S. vendors buy them in mass numbers to sell to make a fast buck; and, knowing nothing about the background of the dogs from where these puppies came from. But what can be done to insure this is not the case with your puppy? This is where our job comes into play.

First a puppy should be selected from its individual lineage. Next puppies should be selected individually for the quality and not bought or selected as a group. Registration from overseas cannot be restricted. Many times I get the question as to why do you mostly sell “show potential” puppies. Because of the fact that if and when an adopter transfers registration it cannot be restricted for breeding like we can with puppies born in the U.S. If I sell pet quality puppies they can be transferred over for full registration privileges. Therefore advocating the breeding of pet quality dogs to produce pet quality puppies. Show potential puppies make just as great of pets as pet quality and vice versa. Show potential does not mean you should show the puppy. It is merely a baseline as to how closely the puppy adheres to the standard at that time. In addition to the lineage of the puppy, the puppy also should come from knowledgeable breeders with long-term experience that show or have shown their dogs and are known for their quality.

**Most importantly there are Federal Laws for importing puppies.** To get back to the quality and assurance of the health of your puppy, they have implemented laws to protect the general public and your puppy. It is a federal requirement that all puppies must be confined for 30 days from the time a rabies vaccination has been given. Rabies may not be given prior to 12 weeks old. Based on these requirements, puppies cannot be resold or leave your possession until 16 weeks of age. We will have your puppy cleared for you by a U.S Customs Broker in your name and shipped to your closest airport. Your puppy will be checked by our Vet. Before his arrival. You do have the option to select a direct ship from the breeder but it is not our preference. If you select direct shipment there is a reduced cost to you. If you prefer your puppy arrive before 16 weeks of age, you will be required to fill out a supplied CDC form and be responsible to uphold the Federal Law. We will be happy to handle all arrangements for you to make this process as easy and enjoyable as possible.

**Benefits to you, and why we prefer you wait...** Because we can verify the waiting periods and ages of the puppies, as well as being screened for certain diseases and checked by our vet, it certainly could give you more peace of mind to have a waiting period of 16 weeks and have the puppies come through Bullie Pups R Us. Your puppy's immune system will be much stronger at this time. It is not as vulnerable because it will have been fully vaccinated and provided the best immunity against disease and illness.

The rabies vaccination will have been given leaving you with one less responsibility, and providing your baby with more protection against disease. This also allows us to have our Vet. see your puppy several times before departure, providing a greater chance of catching potential congenital or hereditary defects or illnesses that may not have been apparent earlier in a young puppy. Understand this is in the best interest of your puppy and for you as a consumer. This is not a guarantee that no problems will arise but a much better start for you and your puppy. Your puppy's future health depends on his well being as a puppy. So why not get off to the best possible start? To view more on this topic please visit the CDC website at

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/faq\\_animal\\_importation.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/faq_animal_importation.htm)

At 16 weeks your puppy is still VERY MUCH a puppy. Your puppy will not have problems bonding with you at this age and will likely be potty trained or close to it. It is the best overall scenario for the puppy and you as the new owner.

We will provide you with a full background and detail of your breeder along with photos of your puppies parents if you wish. We want you to be satisfied, not only with your choice of the adoption, but also with the process that lead you there. This will help you decide if you wish to move forth with an adoption or not. Any questions you may have will be answered to the best of our ability. Feel free to email or call with questions you may have.