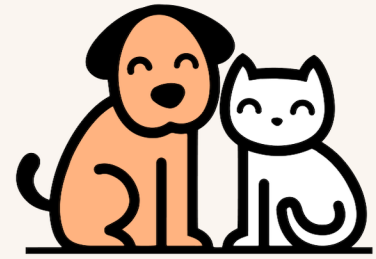


Checklist



FOR ADOPTING OR BUYING A PUPPY OR KITTEN

- ✓ **Consider Adoption:** Check animal rescue centres for pets looking for loving homes. Ask about their history, health, and behaviour.
- ✓ **Choose a Reputable Breeder (if buying):** Take your time and research breeders with a good reputation, even if further afield.
- ✓ **Healthy Start:** Ensure puppies and kittens are at least 8 weeks old and enquire about their health and any hereditary conditions.
- ✓ **Multiple Visits:** Visit the breeder's home several times to observe your new pet in their environment until they're ready to leave.
- ✓ **Meet the Mom:** Look for the real mother's presence during your visits. Responsible breeders will have the mother interacting with the young.
- ✓ **Healthy Appearance:** A healthy pet shows no signs of illness or distress.
- ✓ **Verification of Identity and Address:** (Required by Law) For both adoption and purchase (rescues and breeders), ensure they verify your ID and address according to the Pet Abduction Act 2024.
- ✗ **Beware Red Flags:** Avoid breeders advertising many litters of different breeds or who cannot provide information about the seller's vet, vaccination records, or microchipping.
- ✗ **Trust Your Gut:** Don't feel pressured to buy. If you feel rushed or something seems off, walk away.

Share this checklist with friends & family considering a new pet, and remember to register your new furry friend with us!