

Is the Vizsla the right breed for you?

The Hungarian Vizsla is a Hunt point and Retrieve gundog, bred for ability in the field and intelligence they require an active lifestyle with people who can provide company and training, in return the Vizsla will reward you with loyalty and affection , most people who have owned a Vizsla say they would never be with out one in their home.

The Vizsla is suited to many activities such as agility, gundog work, falconry, obedience.

The Vizsla is not suitable for people who work fulltime and can prove to challenging for first time dog owners.

Does the Vizsla have any health issues?

The Vizsla breed suffers from some health issues such as Autoimmune conditions, Cerebellar Ataxia, epilepsy, hip dysplasia, Elbow dysplasia, glaucoma and entropion thankfully these are not common but as a purchaser you should ensure the breeder of your puppy is aware of these conditions and working towards eradicating them by not breeding from stock physically affected by any of these conditions and ensuring that their breeding stock is as a minimum hip scored, Cerebellar screened.

How do I find a Vizsla puppy?

The Vizsla is a minority breed meaning that more often than not the demand for good quality puppies out ways the number bred, so you should expect to wait for the right puppy.

You should begin your search by sourcing a reputable breeder places to ask are the Kennel club , or look on the Internet, some points to help you sort the reputable breeders from the non reputable are-

Reputable breeders do not just breed! They are involved in other activities with their dogs such as show/work/agility the only exception to this is when a pet owner has bred one litter so they can retain a puppy for themselves but even then they will be working closely with a well known and respected breeder who will own the sire and/or have bred their bitch.

Reputable breeders are often members of schemes such as the KC accredited breeder's scheme.

Reputable breeders only bred from fully mature bitches who have been fully health tested prior to breeding.

Reputable breeders kennel club register all the puppies they breed.

Reputable breeders don't sell puppies by email or over the phone they will want to meet you or have references supplied and vet you for suitability, expect to get the "third degree"

Once you have found a breeder you should visit their 'kennel' meet all their dogs and see how they engage with you, there's dogs should be friendly and healthy.

Ask the breeder to explain more about their breeding program and what there aims are for the future , ask them about health and what testing they are doing , a reputable breeder will be happy to share this information with you.

Don't expect to meet puppies when you visit reputable breeders don't have puppies "on tap"

Once you have selected a breeder and been accepted on their waiting list you must wait for a suitable pup to be born, the breeder will keep in touch with you and advise you of the progress and any news.

When can I choose my Puppy and take it home?

Once puppies are born you shouldn't expect to visit them till they are at least 4 weeks of age , the early days with mum are crucial and droves of visitors all potentially bringing in infection are not beneficial to new born puppies and their mother.

However the invention of the internet means breeders can send pictures and video footage to new owner in those early weeks.

Once the puppies are old enough you should be able to visit at least once or twice to meet the litter as a whole and interact with them.

Puppies are normally allocated to new owners as a complex breed they should be matched to the best home; this is done by the breeder who has more experience of the litter than yourselves.

Puppies should go to their homes at 8 weeks of age this is the ideal time for them to bond with their new family, they normally go equipped with some food and instructions! And a reputable breeder will be available to help you through the challenging early days.

Most reputable breeders will have puppies vet checked before homing they may also be microchipped , tattooed or vaccinated.

How much is a Vizsla puppy?

Price is a common question, prices vary by region but on average I would expect to pay £1000- £1400 for a good quality Vizsla puppy.

Cheap puppies are usually cheap for a reason and more expensive ones normally indicate a desire to line the pocket rather than a passion to breed 🐾