

Purebred vs Designer Dogs

WHY BUY A DESIGNER DOG WHEN YOU COULD CHOOSE A DOG BRED BY DESIGN?

A GREAT WAY TO FIND THE RIGHT BREED FOR YOU IS TO POP OUT TO A DOG SHOW, TALK TO BREEDERS ABOUT THEIR DOGS AND SEE WHAT BREED WOULD BEST SUIT YOU

Did you realise that there are more than 180 internationally recognised breeds of purebred, pedigreed dogs throughout the world? In fact, Australia has examples of most of these breeds being exhibited at dogs shows throughout the nation every weekend of the year. Every one of these breeds has been developed for a specific purpose - whether it be working ability, size, temperament or agility. In short, there is a purebred, pedigreed, registered dog that will suit every lifestyle whether as a treasured family member or working companion.

Purebred, Pedigreed, Registered dogs are the result of many hundreds of years of careful development by specialist breeders – in fact the ancestry of some of our most ancient of breeds can be traced back thousands of years. In many instances, Australia is at the forefront of pedigreed, registered dog breed development. Registered Dogs NSW member breeders are governed by a strict code of ethics. In addition, many Dogs NSW affiliated Specialty Breed Clubs, impose further restrictions on their members to ensure that only the very best quality dogs are used in a breeding program.

There has been increasing concern throughout the purebred dog community over recent years at the number of “Designer Dogs” being bred and offered for sale to the unsuspecting public. Designer Dogs can usually be described as dogs that have been bred as a result of combining two (or more) recognised breeds of purebred dogs. Often the resulting puppies will be given catchy names, like Labradoodle or Cockerdoodle. But who guarantees the quality of the parents of these cross bred puppies? The bottom line is that no matter what type of trendy names they may be given – these dogs are cross breeds.

Dogs NSW members are forbidden from cross breeding their pedigreed, registered dogs with a different breed. This suggests that the Designer Dog puppies that are finding their way on to the pet market have been bred by inexperienced “backyard” breeders having little or no regard for the potential risks involved.

The sad fact is that these cross bred puppies are often bred from parent dogs that have not undergone any of the strict hereditary disease testing regimes that Dogs NSW members regularly carry out on their breeding dogs. Nor are there any safeguards against temperament defects. One example of the sales pitch for a trendy named “Labradoodle” might suggest that this particular type of Designer Dog may have the temperament of a Labrador Retriever and the limited coat shedding benefits of a Poodle but there are absolutely no guarantees that this will be the case.

Many breeders of these so-called Designer Dogs rely on the term Hybrid Vigour when describing the advantages of these cross bred dogs. The term literally means “the increased size or strength of a hybrid as compared to either of its parents”. It has nothing at all to do with disease resistance, structural soundness or likely temperament of any resulting puppies.

So if at some time in the future you may be considering the purchase of a new puppy, please take the time to research the many breeds of Purebred, Registered Dogs that are available. With more than 180 to choose from there is sure to be a breed that will suit your specific needs and the lifestyle of your family.

Find breeds and breeders on the Dogs NSW website (more breeders listed on Dogz Online) www.dogsnsw.org.au
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When you cross bred dogs you never know what you are going to get, both regarding looks and health. Below are some examples of “Buggs”, these are Boston Terriers x Pugs, you can see the variations in the dogs.

