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From a concerned AND reputable breeder;

This rant is directed at an extreme minority of my friends list...Those of you on my friends list that are not dog friends...Please think about what you know about dog breeders. Those of us that do this with a passion for the breed...We do it with all our heart. We don't just produce puppies, we don't just have litters. We spend hour toiling over pedigrees, health, temperament. We ask ourselves what is it we want to improve on the girls we are breeding, we search for the dog that we think will do that. When the puppies are finally on their way we spend countless nights sitting up staring at our pregnant moms just waiting for something to happen. We sit on pins and needles hoping that everything goes perfectly. When the puppies are finally here...daily we look in the whelping box, watching personalities develop. Thinking about which puppy is going to do best in what kind of home. This is not a "hobby" for the faint of heart...it can be life or death. I know I have personally suffered incredible loss...losses that I still haven't recovered from.

What is the reason for this long post... Just an outreach...PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't buy a puppy from ANYONE but a reputable breeder. If you don't know how to find a reputable breeder... First step is going to each breeds Parent Club. Every purebred breed has a parent club. Many of these clubs offer a breeders referral program. If you can't find the parent club... contact me I'll help.

If a puppy isn't what you are looking for, never underestimate a reputable rescue (and trust me there are PLENTY of not so reputable rescues as well). Again, every breed has a rescue that is dedicated to just helping that breed. Your breed.

Remember you are looking for a family member that is going to be with you for YEARS... Be careful... choose your breeder or rescue wisely... A good breeder or rescue is gonna be there for you for the rest of your pets life... for support, advice, sharing laughter and tears.

I absolutely abhor people who think that having a male and female and having a litter of puppies makes you a breeder. When I wear my rescue hat... I see dogs that have never walked on grass, have never known what its like to be loved, or to play with a toy. 9 times out of 10 those dogs come from someone who didn't care when they produced the litter, they don't care when they place the puppies and they don't care when their dogs end up in bad situations...PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't fall for it.

Rant over...

~A very concerned breeder