



Questions to ask an Italian Greyhound breeder

Ask about the breeder:

1. How long have you owned Italian Greyhounds?
2. How long have you been breeding Italian Greyhounds?
3. Are you a member of the Italian Greyhound Club (and therefore sign-up to the IG Club code of ethics)?
4. How many litters have you bred in total?
5. How many litters do you have in an average year?
6. Do you have a license from your local authority to breed dogs for profit?
7. If so, what is the license number?
8. How many puppies from this litter will you keep for yourself?
9. Do you require a deposit if I want a puppy? The answer should be no.

Ask the breeder about the breed:

10. What are the good points about Italian Greyhounds?
11. What are the negatives about Italian Greyhounds?
12. What are the common health problems in the breed?
13. What's the average life span of an Italian Greyhound?
14. How much grooming do they need?

If the breeder is involved in showing Italian Greyhounds, ask:

15. How long have you been showing Italian Greyhounds for?
16. Do you show mainly at Open Shows or Championship Shows?
17. Do you attend any of the Italian Greyhound Club Open Shows or Championship show? If not, why not?
18. What successes have you had when showing your Italian Greyhounds?
19. Will you be showing any of this litter?

Ask about the mother & father, and the pedigree

20. Are the parents of the puppy Kennel Club registered?
21. If so, what are the KC registered names of the sire (father) and dam (mother)?
22. Do you own the mother? If not, where is she?
23. Do you own the sire? If not, how did you find him?

24. How many litters has the mother had already?
25. How many litters has the father sired already?
26. What do you know about the health of the dogs in the pedigrees of the mother and father (even if not KC registered) going back 3 generations to the puppy's great-grand parents?
27. Have the parents been DNA health tested?
28. If the parents were DNA health tested, what were the results for Glaucoma, PRA and FEH? Remember that no other DNA health tests are available for inherited conditions in Italian Greyhounds!

Kennel Club registration

29. Do you have a registered affix (kennel name)?
30. Will my puppy be Kennel Club registered?
31. If yes, what endorsements will you put on the puppy's registration papers?
32. Do you breed puppies that you do not register with the Kennel Club?

Ask about ongoing care of your puppy

33. What inoculations will the puppy have had when we get him/her?
34. What inoculations will I need to arrange after I get the dog?
35. What insurance cover, if any, do you provide with the puppy?
36. How much exercise do your dogs get and how much will my puppy need?
37. What written information on diet and rearing do you provide?
38. What written information about ongoing care do you provide?
39. What should I do if my puppy develops a serious health problem in the future?
40. What should I do if I ever need to re-home a dog I have bought from you?

The answers to these questions (if answered truthfully) should give you a clear picture of what kind of breeder you are dealing with. If you have any concerns at all, walk away.

Expect a breeder to ask you:

Any responsible breeder would want to know a lot about your personal circumstances to make sure that you are a good fit for an Italian Greyhound and that the Italian Greyhound will be well cared for. Be prepared to answer truthfully and honestly.