

Buying From A Reputable Breeder

There are relatively few Beauceron breeders in this country, so it is important to be patient when searching for a pup. The puppy closest to your home might not be the right one for you, so you may want to expand your search. Many breeders are willing to ship a puppy to a buyer, and most puppies travel quite well. There are also transport services that will drive the puppy to you anywhere in the Continental USA.

Stay away from puppy mills, pet stores (which may acquire their dogs from puppy mills), and puppy brokers (people who charge a fee to find a puppy or connect you with a breeder). Puppies from these sources may be more readily available and/or slightly less expensive, but they can cost you dearly in the long run, with health and temperament issues. This is not the time for bargain-hunting. Your new puppy will be a member of your family for his/her lifetime, so you'll want to invest wisely.

Take time to become familiar with the breed standard before you buy.

The breeder should know and understand the standard, and strive to produce puppies that are as close to the standard as possible in terms of health, conformation (appearance and structure) and temperament.

Ask the breeder why they chose to breed these particular dogs. Responsible breeders only breed when they are convinced that their knowledge, experience, and devotion to 'their' breed will produce exceptional puppies that are correct in temperament and conformation. They breed to preserve and enhance the characteristics and qualities that make the breed unique. In short: they breed to improve the breed.

It may take some time to find the right breeder with an upcoming litter. Be prepared to wait – and be assured that it will be worth your while!

Finally, a responsible breeder will be there for you throughout the lifetime of the dog, to support you and help with any problems you might encounter with the dog. If, for any reason, you cannot keep the dog, a responsible breeder will always take the dog back, regardless of its age (and many, indeed, include this as a requirement in your purchase contract).