

# Adopting a Puppy – Checklist Before Adopting

Pet lovers will always know the importance of adopting a puppy and the responsibilities that come with it. Therefore, it is necessary to go through this checklist with your entire family and make sure everybody agrees on the following points

## Responsible Pet Ownership

- The entire family supports the idea of pet adoption ☐
- The owner can take care of the pet for its entire life (10-18 years) ☐
- The owner can undertake the pet's costs (veterinary bills, training, etc.) ☐
- Owner can give adequate time to his pet ☐
- Owner has done proper research before buying a pet ☐

## Premises

- The pet shop is licensed by the National Parks Board (N'Parks) or the Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS) and is allowed to sell puppies. Also, the certificate issued is displayed properly. ☐
- Pets are kept in clean places that are well-ventilated ☐

## Pet shop's Knowledge

- The attendant is handling the puppies with care and confidence ☐
- The attendant has knowledge about the puppy and its training and grooming ☐

## Condition of Puppy

- The puppy is alert and provides spontaneous response ☐
- The puppy is able to move around without any physical disabilities ☐
- The puppy does not show any stains of discharge from its eyes, nose and ears ☐
- The coat of the puppy is healthy and clean and does not show signs of hair loss ☐
- The puppy does not show any signs of allergies and skin infections ☐
- The puppy is not affected with bad habits like chewing or mouthing ☐



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## Regulation

- The puppy is micro chipped ☐
- The puppy has a vaccination card that contains details of microchip number, vaccination, etc. ☐
- The owner has undertaken the responsibilities of the dog by filling up the Pet Purchase Declaration Form ☐
- The owner has viewed the health card issued by a veterinarian, certifying the pet's health ☐

## Health and Nutrition

- The adopted puppy is 9-12 weeks old and has received two vaccinations from the pet shop ☐
- The puppy has rested for a week after its second vaccination ☐
- The puppy that is to be adopted was imported at least 6 days ago ☐
- The puppy is properly dewormed ☐

**NOTE:** The listed points are for the owners to follow before buying or adopting a puppy. These guidelines have been made by keeping in mind the health and safety of the animal. Owners can consult their local veterinarian regarding any confusion.

