

*Puppy Buyer's
Checklist:
What to Ask a Breeder*

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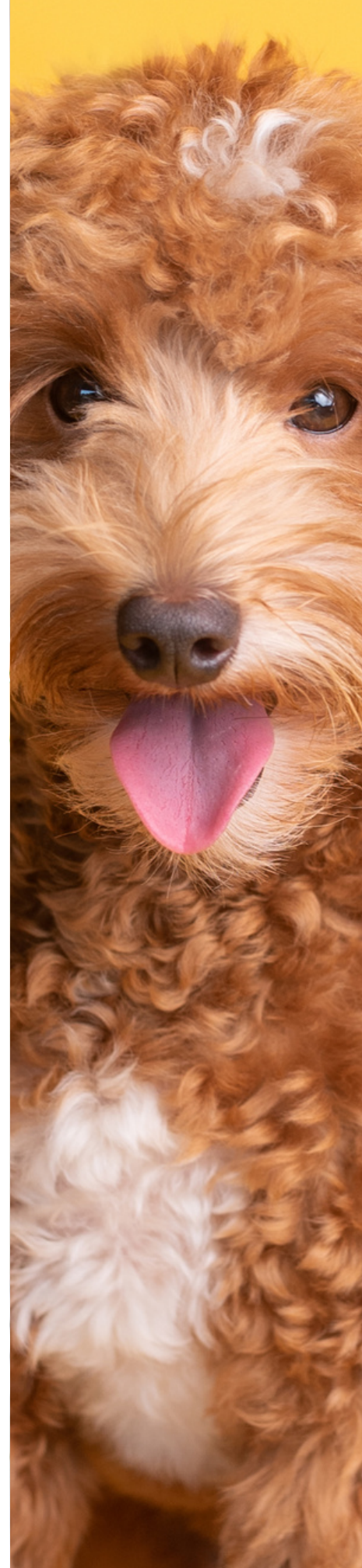
When considering bringing a new four-legged family member into your home, it's important to find a reputable breeder who prioritizes the well-being and health of their puppies. Here is a helpful checklist of questions to ask a breeder to ensure you are making an informed decision:

HEALTH AND GENETIC TESTING:

- Look for a GANA certified breeder <https://www.goldendoodleassociation.com/best-reputable-goldendoodle-breeders-and-puppies/> or a breeder who has health-testing standards in line with GANA recommendations <https://www.goldendoodleassociation.com/about-gana/health-testing-requirements/>
- If the breeder is GANA certified, then GANA has already done the work of checking that the required health testing has been completed.
- If the breeder is not GANA certified, ask for documentation of health clearances for the puppy's parents
- Can you explain the health guarantee or warranty for the puppy?

BREEDING PRACTICES AND BREEDER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Do you specialize in breeding Goldendoodles?
- How long have you been breeding?
- Do you test the parents for coat traits (especially important if low shedding and allergy friendliness is important to you)?
- Do you have any training or education related to rearing puppies (such as being a dog trainer or completion of courses such as the Midwoofery Breeder Curriculum)?



SOCIALIZATION AND ENVIRONMENT:

- How are the puppies socialized from birth until they go to their new homes?
- What type of environment are the puppies raised in?
- Are the puppies exposed to various sounds, experiences, and different people?
- What kind of enhanced enrichment and curriculum do you use for the puppies?

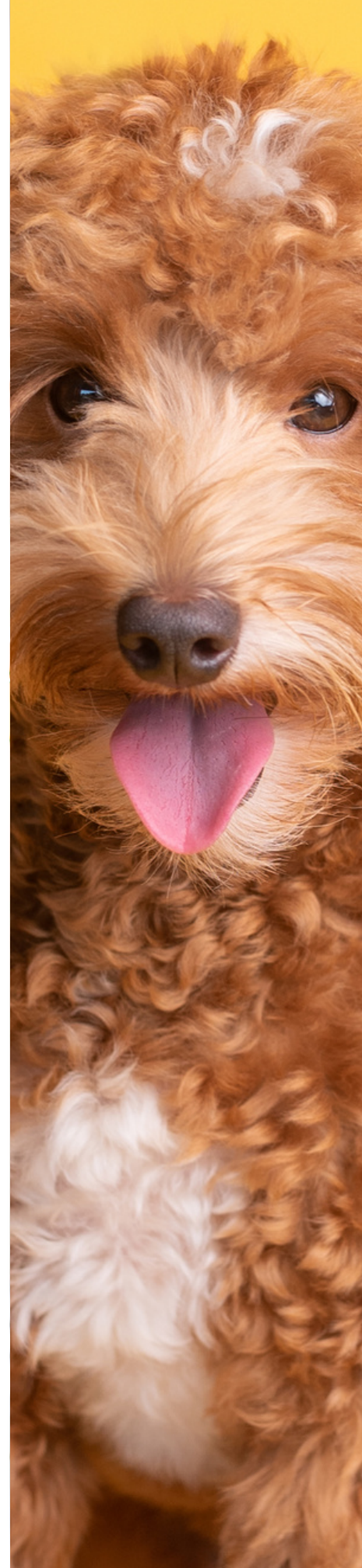
PUPPY CARE:

- What type of diet have the puppies been on, and what do you recommend for their future diet?
- Will the puppies receive any vaccinations or deworming treatments?
- Will the puppies have a veterinary health certificate when they go home?
- Can you provide information on the puppy's current and future veterinary care needs?

TEMPERAMENT AND TRAINING:

- How would you describe the temperament of the puppies and their parents?
- Are the puppies exposed to basic training or early socialization exercises?
- What recommendations do you have for continued training and socialization once the puppy is in their new home?
- Can I meet the puppy's parents either in person or on a video call or see pictures of them?

Remember, a responsible breeder will be transparent, open to answering your questions, and genuinely concerned about the well-being of their puppies. Asking these important questions will help you make an informed decision and ensure a positive experience when bringing home your new Goldendoodle puppy.



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