

ADVICE FOR POTENTIAL POINTER PUPPY BUYERS

The Pointer Club are aware that in recent times, increasing prices and 'scams' are becoming commonplace when purchasing puppies, particularly where litters are found online and parties are unknown to each other and not coming via a personal recommendation.

Prices do vary, and that is to be expected but if you are being asked to pay far over the average then consider your options. Increased price does not necessarily guarantee quality or health. This link (scroll to bottom of the page) shows the average price for puppies over the last 20 years

<https://www.champdogs.co.uk/breeds/pointer>

(Please note that The Pointer Club do not necessarily endorse this website, nor any breeders or puppies found on this website, you need to carry out your own checks on any advertisements and the same can be said for any other websites, research is key for finding your pointer pup.)

Any reputable breeder will want to research you as much as you will them, so expect to be asked many questions as to your suitability to become a pointer owner. A good breeder will not be offended to be asked questions so do plenty of research on the rearing and feeding etc, ask if there is a contract, is the pup endorsed and if so, has the breeder explained what this means to your satisfaction, and also ask what sort of aftercare and support is offered?

Please always see a bitch with her puppies. A bitch should not be younger than two years of age when having puppies for the first time and she shouldn't have more than one litter in a 12 month period. Make sure you are happy with the way the litter is being reared, make sure the puppies look healthy, alert and bright with good body condition. During COVID if it is difficult to visit as often as you would like, ask if it is possible to have an online visit using zoom/Facetime or similar. Also, be wary if you are asked to pay a deposit prior to having seen the pups, especially if it's before the litter is born. If something doesn't feel right, then there will always be another litter out there for you.