

Samoyed Puppy Buyer Checklist

Questions to ask the Breeder

- How long have you been involved with and or breeding Samoyeds?
- How old is the Sire and Dam?
- Have both the sire and dam had their eyes examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist? Including a gonioscopy to confirm eye angles?
- If yes, what were the results?
(NB Bad drainage angles could result in a dog developing Glaucoma. Primary Glaucoma is an inherited condition and occurs in many breeds of dogs and therefore it is important that the parents have had an eye exam and received a pass)..
- Are both the sire and dam hip and elbow X-rayed and scored for hip and elbow dysplasia?
- If yes, What were their results?
- Will a copy of the eye and hip/elbow certificates be available, prior to paying a deposit or collecting the puppy?
- Do you perform bile acid tests on your puppies before they go to their new homes?
(A bile acid test is a liver function test and is recommended not be done prior to 8 weeks of age)
- What health tests do you do on your puppies? Do you provide a copy of all the puppy's health results?
(This could include vet examination, vaccination card, bile acid test results and or puppy eye exams)
- Do you as a breeder offer a guarantee and what does it cover?
- Do you encourage prospective puppy buyers to visit your home and see your dogs?
- Do you belong to a Samoyed breed club i.e. Samoyed Club of Victoria inc?
- Does the puppy come with a puppy pack i.e. information on worming, feeding and vaccinations?
- Are the puppies going to be registered with Dogs Victoria? Or the controlling body in your state i.e. Dogs NSW
- At what age will you allow me to take the puppy home?
(Vic Dogs and SCV Inc. code of ethics state that 8 weeks is the minimum age for pups to leave their litter mates and dam).
- Will you allow me to pick my puppy or will you select which puppy I will be able to have?
- Will the puppy be on full or limited registration? (Discuss with breeder what this means)
- If applicable... agreements on breeding and stud arrangements for the puppy in the future should be discussed and understood by both parties prior to collecting the puppy.
- Does the breeder provide grooming tools and guidance of which items are required and recommended?
(i.e. brush, comb, dog dryer, leads, shampoos etc.)
- How much will the puppy cost? Is a deposit required? What are the conditions if my position changes and I am unable to purchase the puppy?

Questions a Breeder Should Ask You...

Why did you decided a Samoyed is suitable for you?

What do you know about the breed?

Do you have children?

Have you any other pets?

Have you any experience with owning and training a dog?

Is your property well fenced?

Where will the dog sleep?

Is everyone in your family happy about a Samoyed joining the family?

Have you a safe place to leave your dog when you are away from home ie at work?

Who will attend to the feeding, grooming, socialising and training of the puppy?

Do you intend to exhibit, engage in obedience, trialing or breeding with your dog?

Are you renting or buying your home? What happens in the case of renting, if you have to move?