



## BE INFORMED:

The Club wish to highlight that not all breeders are equal. This might become as a surprise to you but breeders basically fall into 2 categories:

1. **Breeders who breed to uplift and improve the breed and**
2. **Breeders who make a living off selling dogs.**

**No matter what advice you get - the final act is yours. Make it an informed one!**



## For the betterment of Staffords

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## GOLDEN RULES WHEN LOOKING FOR A WELL BRED STAFFIE

by Stella Müller

Note: By joining the WC SBTC you can get hands-on advice.

### Some pointers to consider before buying a puppy:

- Avoid disappointment!!! Don't buy blind. Contact a Staffie club for advice. You can find the nearest Club to you from **the Kennel Union of S.A. +27 214 239 027** which is the controlling body of registered dogs in S.A..
- Ask the breeder if they are a member of any Staffie Club. If not, you should ask yourself the question why not? Like Clubs, breeders should be in it for the betterment of the breed and therefore support stafford Clubs.
- Do not buy unregistered dogs. These dogs could have mixed breeds in its genes and therefore have unpredictable temperaments or you might, unknowingly be supporting a stolen trade.
- Do not buy from newspaper adverts or internet ads like Gumtree. You might be buying a pig in a poke. The Club receives many, many calls from disillusioned buyers.

Do not believe breeders from such adverts - if they try and impress to claim 'from Champion bloodlines' (then they would not advertise in newspapers and free sites). If they are a member of a Staffie Club and if it is really from CHAMPION LINES. Those litters are often booked well before they are born.

- Even if it is well known show people - there is no harm to check with a Club. The latest scam is that they buy puppies from pet shops and elsewhere to sell it as their own, because the breed is in such a demand. We recently experienced 3 mongrels that landed in the Cape who was sold as pedigreed Staffies. The new owners never received their registration papers!
- Another scam is where puppy buyers are requested to pay money upfront and then they just never get there promised pup - even after been told to collect the pup from the airport.
- Clubs know all the reputable breeders. Breeders who breed for Quality not Quantity. You'll do yourself a favour by giving one a call!
- **Be patient. Do not buy in a hurry. Good well bred Staffies are scarce. You must be prepared to wait.**
- Do enough research on the breed.

Good Luck!!