

RED FLAG WARNING TO PUPPY BUYERS

List composed with the assistance of Jane Baetz on the Facebook Basset Basics Page

If kennels/breeders have more than one of the following items on a website or social media page, this should signal a red flag. Caution: They are only interested in selling you a puppy and are not interested in improving the breed, offering education or providing support after your purchase.

1. Do not belong to any breed or all-breed club with a code of ethics they are expected to follow.
2. Show many cute puppy pictures and advertising litters but no info on how they are improving quality.
3. Sell show quality dogs but their dogs aren't shown and/or they are trying to fool you. Check all claims of showing. Most likely they will have no idea that there is a Standard for ALL breeders to follow, not just show dogs.
4. Advertise Championship lines. Request to see pedigrees of the puppies.
5. Have a page dedicated to talking about the sales of their puppies and/or one on making payments.
6. Have informational page on shipping, and/or they'd rather meet you away from their home/kennel to give you your puppy.
7. Have no educational information on the breed.
8. Sell rare blue Bassets, miniature Bassets, or long haired Bassets.
9. Can't even spell Basset correctly.
10. Breed more than 2 breeds continuously.
11. Advertise on Craigslist, Kijiji, Penny Saver, PuppyFind etc.
12. All their dogs are from out of the country (most likely reputable breeders in the United States won't sell to them).
13. Charge more for AKC papers, and/or are registered with a different kennel club (not AKC) or worse don't have registration papers at all.
14. Do not stand behind their breeding, and will not be there 24/7 for you if you have problems and need help. Won't take the dog back at any age if there is a problem or you can no longer keep or care for the dog.
15. Sell their puppies too young or to the first person who shows up, no questions asked. In the State of California it is illegal to sell under 8 weeks of age, but full socialization cannot happen until 10 weeks or older.

If in doubt, don't buy the puppy.

Ask a BHCSC Member for more information and check our website (www.BHCSC.com).

