

## Puppy Owner Head to Tail Checklist

(This check list should be used as a guide to buy a puppy from *any* source)

1. **Is your puppy bright and alert?** Yes No

2. **Are your puppy's eyes clear of "matter"?** Yes No

3. **Is your puppy's nose:** Moist? Runny? Dry and Coarse?

4. **Do you hear coughing or chest congestion?** Yes No

5. **Are your puppy's ears clean inside?** Yes No

6. **Is your puppy's coat:** Soft and Clean? Dull and Coarse? Dirty?

7. **Are your puppy's teeth:** Normal? Overshot? Undershot?

Normal for Dachshunds is a scissor bite. Top front teeth should set just in front of bottom front teeth or with only a slight gap of 1/8" or less. Overshot would be top teeth noticeably set further forward from bottom. Undershot would be bottom front teeth in front of top front teeth.

8. **Can you feel a bump (hernia) in the navel or groin?** Yes No

9. **Is the rectal area:** Clean? Dirty? Feces Encrusted?

Rectal area should be clean, Dirty would indicate possible flea infestation and feces encrusted is usually a sign of diarrhea.

10. **When walking/running do joints appear:** Normal? Loose?

Normal joints should not shows signs of joints that appear to move in and out of their sockets when puppy walks or runs.

11. **Are your puppy's nails:** Short? Slightly grown out? Long?

12. **Do you see any fleas or ticks on puppy?** Yes No

Even if you see no fleas or ticks, check for black specks on the skin under the hair. This is known as 'flea dirt'. The amount seen will indicate whether the pup has been mildly or heavily infested. Chances are if the pup shows signs of fleas, they will probably have tape worms as well.

**I have physically checked all the above things on my puppy and found him/her to be in good sale condition. Anything I may have questioned is noted in my answers to be checked by my vet.**

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Buyer Signature