

MY OPINION ON HEALTH TESTING

Absorb this before you continue on: **Congenital disorders** are present from birth, and **hereditary genetic disorders** are transmitted from parents to their offspring through the genes.

Ethical Dog Breeders make it their **life's** work to learn about the history of their breed, canine health, genetics and structure. They are interested in forming relationships with their puppy buyers and want to have continued contact throughout the dogs lives to ensure they are informed of any health issues that may arise.

Breeders that health test their dogs are ones who know nothing about the dogs in their pedigrees. All they do is throw 2 dogs together and see what happens. If they push health testing this would be the reason why. Anyone can breed two dogs together but knowing the dogs in your pedigrees takes time & experience.

Health Tests are used as a marketing tool to get you to pay more money and make you think you are getting something you are not.

An ethical breeder will not breed health issues congenital or genetic if they arise. If they see it they will not breed the parents again and take care of the unhealthy puppy(s) themselves for the life of the dog or they will place it with someone who will take on the responsibility of the dogs care the rest of its life.

Health tests were made up to make you think your getting a healthy puppy that will live a long life with no issues when in fact this is not the case. The only things they can test for are genetic issues. Things that can pop up are what is known as congenital disorders or an anomaly you can **not** test for.

Most experienced breeders will know if any genetic issues are in a dogs pedigree and will avoid it like the plague.

Do you require health testing to be done on a hamster, rabbit, bird, pig or any other pet animal before you buy it? No, probably because it doesn't cost as much as dogs. Think about this for a moment. If you care so much about the health of your dog why wouldn't you put that much care in the health of a hamster just because it is a fraction of the cost.

DO YOU HEALTH TEST YOU & YOUR PARTNER BEFORE YOU HAVE A BABY?

No, because its not a practice we do in humans but we expect it in our animals?