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TOP SIGNS OF A PUPPY SCAM

*Puppy price is too good to be true

*Refuses phone calls or video chats

*Uses stolen or stock photos - puppies photos from the same litter may have different backgrounds

*Won't allow in-person visits

*Has many different unsimilar breeds with puppies ready to go at any time

*Requests untraceable payments (zelle, CashApp, Western Union, gift cards) & pushes for immediate desposits

*Won't share address or references and you can't validate their real name

*Uses emotional sob stories to pressure you

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

*Always video call to see the puppy live & visit in-person whenever possible

*Request photos of the entire litter

*Research breeder's name, email & phone number

*Pay with secure, traceable methods, and only a small deposit should ever be paid before picking the puppy up

*Get a written contract with health guarantee

*Request vet's contact information and actually call them!

*Request references from prior customers and actually call them! They should provide more than one and it shouldn't take long for them to provide this information if it is real.

WHAT A REPUTABLE BREEDER WILL DO

*Have an established presence (facebook, website, etc.) & often times has a waitlist

*Answer detailed questions about the breed

*Provide vet records & health testing reports & allow you to contact their vet

*Let you meet at least one parent & show you their puppy setup & the environment your puppy grows up in

*Give you real references from previous buyers that you can actually speak to

*Most reputable breeders will network with other reputable breeders and will provide validation for each other

*Offer lifetime support for their puppies

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Some scammers don't just take your money - they may deliver a puppy that is sick, poorly bred, or not the breed you were promised. This can lead to expensive vet bills down the road, so do your due diligence when purchasing your new puppy to avoid this side of the puppy scamming business.



Hattie's Texas Cavapoos!

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