

Breeding Better dogs

BREEDERS SKILLS

1. Breed Standard - Written, illustrated and video versions
2. Breed Knowledge - Function, purpose of your breed. Know the dreaded diseases, those that cause: blindness, early death, cripples or kill
3. Select sires and dams – Methods used to identify strength and weaknesses of each ancestor
4. Evaluate pedigrees - For depth, breadth; vertical and horizontal evaluations
5. Evaluate litter - Follow-up on pups after they mature
6. Choosing the best puppies- Systematic approach that avoid mistakes called from the “Bottom up”
7. Develop record System - 3 ring binders, pedigree software are ideal for articles, and record keeping
8. Manage, feed and develop what you keep – know how to control wt., rest, exercise, groom, develop a vocabulary

For a full discussion of breeder skills see “[Breeding Dogs to Win](#)”.