

The International Buyer's Checklist

22 checks before buying a working line German Shepherd — by a breeder since 2001

1 · Verify the breeder

- ☐ BOTH parents' pedigrees with registration numbers (ALKC/CBPA) shown before any payment
- ☐ Number verified with the registry (alkc.org.br) — not just a photo of the document
- ☐ Live video call with the litter and the dam (never accept recorded-only footage)
- ☐ Breeder answers hard questions in writing, without rush or pressure
- ☐ Visible raising environment: where the puppies are born and grow

2 · Documentation that must be included

- ☐ The puppy's own registered pedigree (not only the parents')
- ☐ Health booklet with 1st vaccine and deworming recorded
- ☐ Written sales contract, signed before the deposit
- ☐ Clear terms for a litter smaller than expected

3 · Questions that separate kennels from ads

- ☐ Which bloodline — working or show? Why?
- ☐ Can I see the parents' temperament live?
- ☐ How many litters per year does the kennel produce?
- ☐ What exactly is included in the price?
- ☐ How does the puppy pick order work?
- ☐ What support exists after delivery?

4 · Buying from abroad

- ☐ Reserve only with a signed contract — never full payment upfront
- ☐ Deposit with receipt and refund terms in the contract
- ☐ Assisted shipping with real-time flight information
- ☐ Export health documentation checked before departure

5 · Red flags — walk away immediately

- ☐ "Has papers" without showing a registration number
- ☐ Pedigree charged separately from the puppy price
- ☐ Artificial urgency: "today only", "last puppy"
- ☐ Payment to third-party personal accounts
- ☐ Refusal of a live video call

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