

# WHAT, EXACTLY ARE DESIGNER DOGS ???

## **DEFINITIONS:**

1. A DESIGNER DOG IS A MIXED BREED DOG.
2. A name given to dogs created intentionally by cross breeding dogs to get a litter of pups for resale at a higher price than you would normally pay.

## **FACTS:**

- \* Designer dogs are the result of breeding two distinctly different purebred dogs together.
- \* Purchasing a “Designer Dog” can be much more expensive than purchasing a purebred dog from a reliable, responsible breeder who has invested more money into producing a healthy, happy dog than what they sell the puppies for....
- \* Designer dogs cannot replicate themselves.
- \* You may get the best of both breeds in the puppies, **BUT YOU ARE ALSO GETTING THE WORST OF BOTH BREEDS IN THE PUPPIES.**
- \* When one crosses two breeds, the results are NEVER an even mixture.
- \* The breeding stock that breeders of Designer dogs are using is not the cream of crop. In other words, “mom and dad” are already not bred according to the standard of their breed.
- \* Want A Designer Dog? Check the Pound or Rescue groups, etc.

## **MYTHS:**

- \* Designer dogs are free from genetic issues.
  - o (Not necessarily, few dogs are. Mixing breeds does not eliminate genetic issues)
- \* Designer dogs or mixed breed dogs live longer than purebreds.
  - o (This has never been shown; they do not necessarily live longer than purebred dogs)
- \* Designer dogs will always look the same: A Cockapoo will always look like a Cockapoo. A Labradoodle will always look like a Labradoodle, a Bugg will always look like a Bugg etc.
  - o (Not really, lots of variation in size and coat, depending on the parents. Certainly no breed standard for these mixes)
- \* “We are Making a new breed. The AKC is going to recognize it soon now”!
  - o (The process of creating a new breed and achieving AKC recognition is long and involved and requires many years and many generations)