

## **Important information on your pets Health Certificate:**

Please note a sample copy of a health certificate has been included.

**SELLER** – This information should be **filled out completely**, including all relevant contact information, especially if you are purchasing from an individual person. Verify that the person selling you the dog is actually the same person whose name is on the health certificate. Don't be afraid to ask for the name and number of the actual breeder, if they are not present. Responsible breeders are proud of their puppies and very attached to them. They want to know who adopts their puppies and often stay in touch after the purchase. Don't be afraid to ask for identification when dealing with an individual seller. If you don't get real answers and upfront information, this may not be the right person to deal with.

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION** – Verify that the description given for the pet matches the information on all paperwork (mistakes do happen).

**AGE** – It is important that the puppy was, at least, **8 weeks old** at the time of the examination for the health certificate (date of exam at bottom right).

**VETERINARIAN COMMENTS** – Be sure to read this! If a hereditary disorder or problem is noted and you accept the pet, you may lose some of your rights as a consumer for reimbursement later on. If you are unsure of what the comments mean, consult your own veterinarian before the sale.

**VACCINATION** – The '**date of administration**' is when the vaccinations were given. Puppies and kittens usually receive vaccinations every 3 weeks. If the vaccines are overdue, the pet is at risk of contracting potentially life-threatening diseases.

**ROUNDWORM/HOOKWORM TX** – This is the type of anthelmintic (dewormer) that was given for routine deworming.

**DIAGNOSTICS** – The date and results of any tests must be included

**FECAL** – This is required for all dogs and cats.

**HEARTWORM CHECK** – This is required for all dogs over 6 months.

**FELINE LEUKEMIA TEST** – This is required for all cats

**VETERINARIAN NAME / CLINIC** – This information must be complete and legible. This is the veterinarian that treated the pet and determined it was healthy enough for sale.

**EXAM DATE** – This is the date of examination and when the health certificate was issued. It should be less than 30 days old.

**A health certificate is only valid for 30 days (see top right corner).**

Breeders, pet stores, individuals and even veterinarians can all make honest mistakes, so be sure to check all paperwork prior to any purchase.