

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

10 Commandments for Puppy Buyers

- 1) Don't hurry. If getting a dog, any dog, right now, is your goal, then you are not serious, and you will get what you ask for: just any dog.
- 2) Read more than one book. Do not base your whole understanding on generic descriptions.
- 3) Narrow your breed choice to only one or two. If neither one works out, beginning research on a third will be easier.
- 4) Contact the national breed club. Basic information on the breed is usually free, and in-depth resources are available for moderate sums. A local club representative can often handle specific questions.
- 5) Request names of club members you may visit, talk to and from whom you can learn.
- 6) Attend dog shows or performance events in which the breed participates.
- 7) Be honest when you contact a breeder about who you are and your level of knowledge.
- 8) Inform the breeder if you are ready to buy, have changed your mind or are still researching.
- 9) Do not ask to be on the active list or expect special consideration unless you are ready to put down a deposit.
- 10) If you are no longer interested, or have purchased a dog from someone else, contact the breeder and remove your name from the waiting list.