

Australian Shepherd Breeder Quiz

True/False

1. T F If you are a nice person your litter will be fine.
2. T F If you study pedigrees for a long time and do your homework, your litter will turn out.
3. T F If you breed only one litter a year, or every other year, you are more responsible than those that breed more often.
4. T F I do not need a mentor to breed.
5. T F Supplementing a bitch prior to whelping is preferred, especially calcium.
6. T F Generic books on whelping are just as valuable as the experiences of a seasoned breeder.
7. T F It is okay to keep up malformed or defective puppies...many pet homes like them.
8. T F Breeders who breed more litters than me are not responsible.
9. T F Raising each litter as if you gave birth to them (i.e., they are human) is an important quality of a breeder.
10. T F I only put puppies on this planet that I think will be the healthiest (mentally and physically) and nicest examples of their breed (i.e., "I" have control of this.)
11. T F Not keeping track of your income and expenses of your dog breeding is an admirable trait and makes you a better breeder.
12. T F The more I learn the less I know.
13. T F Pet people with a limited number of dogs make better breeders than those who have larger numbers of dogs.
14. T F DNA tests can be inaccurate.
15. T F Some DNA tests are more valuable than others and I know how to rate them for my breed.
16. T F If I conduct as many DNA tests as possible and only breed to clear or non-carriers I will improve the quality, health and longevity of the offspring. The pups are superior to those pups from non-DNA tested parents.
17. T F Australian Shepherds have sensitivity and can be caused harm by drugs that are not on the MDR1 list of drugs to avoid.
18. T F Breed standards are written for novices.
19. T F If I need information I do not hesitate to call a qualified source. I am not intimidated by those who know more than me in the breed and am willing to reach out for information.
20. T F It is the responsibility of older breeders to recognize that I am a newbie and help me at dog shows.
21. T F We are a color breed.
22. T F If a fault is not clearly stated in the breed standard it is not a fault.
23. T F White collar extension and white belly extension into the body are disqualifications in ASCA and AKC.
24. T F All puppies are born free of hip dysplasia.
25. T F Studies have been conducted that have determined that vaccines and annual vaccinations are safe and effective for dogs.
26. T F Canine Bordatella is a vaccinatable condition.
27. T F The rate of incidence of canine epilepsy is estimated at 1%; the rate in humans is 4%.
28. T F You can safely manage canine heartworm by having a heartworm test done once every four months...monthly treatment is not necessary.
29. T F A family home is better than a show home.
30. T F There are differences in dog quality in the different regions of the U.S.
31. T F Avoid breeding to a dog you have not seen in person.

- 32. T F Never send your dog to a handler, or breeder without seeing their facility in person.
- 33. T F It is a conflict of interest for a handler to be a breeder and take on clients in the same breed and show against them.
- 34. T F The entire breed standard is open for interpretation.
- 35. T F When I determine that dogs in my breeding program are not of the quality for me to keep and breed it is okay to sell these dogs to other breeders.
- 36. T F If a dog finishes a conformation championship it is of breeding quality.
- 37. T F The definition of a great breeder is one who breeds consistency and quality over time.
- 38. T F Inbreeding and linebreeding are bad.
- 39. T F Most owners are looking for bone (substance) and coat when selecting stud dogs.
- 40. T F Natural Bob Tail to Natural Bob Tail breedings are bad. T F
- 41. T F Merle to merle breedings are bad.

Yes/No

- 1. Y N Before my litter is whelped I make arrangements to humanely euthanize any deformed or defective puppies.
- 2. Y N My veterinarian is a breeder and/or has extensive whelping experience.
- 3. Y N My veterinarian is on notice in the case of a Caesarian section.
- 4. Y N If this is my first litter I have an experienced dog breeder that will attend the whelping with me.
- 5. Y N I admit mistakes/lessons learned openly and honestly.
- Y N I know and understand all rules for all the competitive events I compete in.
- 6. Y N I give back to the breed by doing the following:_____.
- 7. Y N I understand how to read and interpret the breed standard including all terminology, anatomy and physiology.
- 8. Y N If an ideal stated in the breed standard does not relate to "form and function," it is not important.
- 9. Y N Current research states that hip dysplasia is likely 80% caused by environment and 20% due to genetics.
- 10. Y N I never send a dog to a handler/breeder/co-owner without seeing their facility/home in person.
- 11. Y N I understand completely what it means and what it takes to "preserve and protect" the breed, which is my responsibility as a breeder.
- 12. Y N When I wish to know about a dog, I contact the breeder/owner directly.
- 13. Y N It is okay to own/show great dogs...not everyone has the skill, knowledge and temperament to be a breeder.
- 14. Y N We are a free whelping breed.
- 15. Y N A dog can have seizures and not have epilepsy.
- 16. Y N Fading puppy syndrome is caused by a virus.
- 17. Y N I know that supplements can cause abnormal puppy eye exams and I know which supplements those are.
- 18. Y N I know which eye defects are considered not for breeding, which are up to the breeder and which are acceptable to breed.
- 19. Y N I know what early neurological stimulation is.