It's important to purchase a pet from a reputable breeder, rescue or shelter. It can sometimes be difficult to know if you're buying an imported pet or a pet from a large volume commercial breeder (i.e. puppy mill). Prospective pet owners should be aware of these red flags when buying a pet:

**WHAT TO KNOW WHEN BUYING A PET**

- Being asked to meet at a site other than where the animal is being raised, such as a parking lot.
- Not being able to meet the pet's parents and having no information about them.
- Receiving unclear answers to your specific questions.
- There are many different breeds available and/or animals are immediately available.