



Australian Pomeranian Puppy & Breeder Checklist

This checklist has been created by **Pomeranians Australia** to help prospective owners identify ethical, responsible Pomeranian breeders who prioritise health, temperament, genetic integrity, and long-term breed preservation in Australia.

Breeder Credentials

- ANKC-registered breeder with a recognised kennel prefix
- Actively exhibits Pomeranians at dog shows
- Member of a state canine control body
- Demonstrates long-term involvement with the breed

Breeding Practices

- Breeds occasionally, not continuously
- Selects breeding dogs for health, temperament, and breed type
- Can explain why specific dogs were bred together
- Does not breed solely for colour or size

Health, DNA Testing & Genetic Responsibility

- Both parents are DNA health tested for breed-relevant conditions
- Both parents are DNA profiled
- Puppies are DNA profiled prior to placement or transfer
- Breeder provides health testing documentation on request

Puppy Care & Rearing

- Puppies raised in a clean, safe home environment
- Early socialisation and handling appropriate to age
- Veterinary checks completed before placement
- Puppies are not released too young

Health & Documentation

- ANKC registration papers provided
- Microchipped and vaccinated prior to placement

- Clear written agreements or health guarantees
- Breeder discusses known Pomeranian health considerations

Communication & Transparency

- Welcomes questions and open communication
- Encourages visits or video calls
- Provides ongoing support after placement
- Asks questions about your home and lifestyle

Red Flags to Avoid

- Puppies always available
- Pressure to pay quickly or reserve a puppy
- Refusal to show living conditions or parent dogs
- Selling puppies via online marketplaces
- No DNA testing or refusal to discuss genetic health

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