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The American Shih Tzu Club does not require mandatory health testing, but we do encourage the following:

That breeders carefully research the genetic problems that may lurk in the background of his lines. The breeder should be knowledgeable about and working to control and/or eradicate conditions, including those that are particular to the breed, such as renal dysplasia, portal systemic shunt, hip and eye problems, allergies, Von Willebrands disease, thyroid disorders, and inguinal hernias. ASTC pamphlets can tell you more about breeding healthy dogs and renal dysplasia.

That they maintain the best possible standard of health and care in all of my dogs and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites. I will furnish complete health record, care, feeding, and grooming instructions with each puppy sold.

That the breeder advise you to have the puppy checked by a veterinarian within 2 days (48 hours) of sale, with additional time allowed if the puppy is sold on a Saturday or Sunday, and provide a written agreement to refund the purchase price or take the puppy back and replace it if it is found to be unfit by a veterinarian. Has the puppy received the necessary immunizations and been checked for parasites and treated if necessary?

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