

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

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STANDING ORDER No.42/97

The Chief Security Commissioners/RPF, All Indian Railways
The Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF, Railway Board

During my visit to various kennels in zonal railways, I have observed that the health of RPF dogs is far from desirable. One of the reasons for the poor health condition of RPF dogs is perhaps frequent in-breeding and breeding among blood-related dogs.

2. In order to improve the health of RPF dogs, it has been decided, with immediate effect, that there shall be no in-breeding REPEAT NO IN-BREEDING of RPF dogs. Therefore, there shall be no mating of dogs and bitches of RPF Kennels or with outside dogs/bitches.

3. CSCs of all zonal railways shall procure pups for filling up the existing as well as future vacancies from renowned local breeders. Care should be taken in obtaining the best available breed. While purchasing a pup it should be ascertained that it is less than 3 months of age.

4. The following guidelines shall be born in mind in selecting and procuring the pups for RPF Dog Squads in :

- a) Pedigree; if possible have a look at the sire as well the dame. Do not merely go by a certificate,
- b) Male dogs are better, as bitches cause trouble in season. They require looking after and isolation during the period,
- c) Buy pups only and not a grown up dog.
- d) Observe a pup from a distance without disturbing it preferably in welping area, to observe its movement and reaction to your approach. An intelligent pup will give a definite reaction to your approach,
- e) A sound pup should have well developed and proportioned body, with well developed bone, strong back, shiny coat, deep chest, muscular feet with well cushioned foot pad.
- f) All limbs should be sturdy, well formed and graceful,
- g) Look out for faults such as bent in feet, poor shoulder placement, lack of co-ordination in limbs or a poor body configuration,

Do not select pups with running nose and eyes. It may indicate distemper disease. Keep such pups under observation for a month before they are purchased.

A pup with enlarged tummy is generally suffering from malnutrition or from poorly managed kennels,

Examine its mouth for overshot/ undershot jaw,

Coat should be shining and free from rashes. Harsh and dull skin indicate poor health as well as skin ailment,

Eyes should be clear and bright. The nose and mouth should be according to breed specifications,

Ears should be clean and odourless,

The pup should give an impression of being vigorous, sensitive, intelligent, energetic and aggressive and not timid, or excitable.

CSCs shall ensure that vacancies of dogs shall be filled up as and when it occurs by local purchase.

Photocopies of "Brochure on Dogs" obtained from Border Security Force is enclosed herewith for your information and guidance. The information therein, relevant to RPF Dog Squads, may be made use of and a copy of the Brochure may also be sent to all the Dog Kennels in your Zonal Railway and BCTC at Dayabasti for their information and guidance.

Sd/-
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Director General/RPF

Encl. One Brochure