Laizhou Hong — health checklist at the breeder's

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Kennel _____ Date of visit _____

Puppy (name, sex) _____ Puppy's microchip no. _____

Sire _____ Sire's ID no. _____

Dam _____ Dam's ID no. _____

Results for both parents (documents seen in the original, not a verbal promise)

Test	Sire	Dam
☐ **Hips**: the reader's official certificate (FCI, OFA, BVA/ANKC or PennHIP)		
☐ **Elbows**: the reader's official certificate		
☐ **DM DNA test** (degenerative myelopathy, minimum)		
☐ **Full DNA panel** (JLPP, LEMP, NAD, MDR1...)		
☐ **Heart**: echo, or at least a recent auscultation		
☐ **Teeth**: dental record and bite		
☐ **Eyes**: eye examination (if available)		

Pedigree, puppy and contract

☐ Pedigree or registration (CKU, British registry) over 3 generations
CKU or other registration no.: _____

☐ **COI** of the pairing: _____ %

☐ Puppy's health record: ☐ microchip ☐ vaccinations ☐ worming

☐ Veterinary certificate less than 5 days old, dated: _____

☐ Auscultation of the puppy by the vet

☐ **Sales contract** stating:
- ☐ that the puppy is not LOF-registered
- ☐ the statutory warranty against latent defects (French law)
- ☐ the breeder's commitments in the event of dysplasia or genetic disease (duration, refund or replacement puppy, exclusions):
_____

The litter's living conditions

☐ Raised in the home

☐ Clean floors

☐ Mother present and well-balanced

Questions to ask

☐ "How many dogs have you had tested? What were the results?"

☐ "Have you ever had bloat, DM or epilepsy in your lines?"

☐ "What do you do with carriers?"

Answers:

Reading the results

Hips (FCI)	Meaning	Breeding
A	No signs of dysplasia	Yes
B	Near-normal (slight laxity)	Yes
C	Mild dysplasia	Only with an A
D	Moderate dysplasia	No
E	Severe dysplasia	No

OFA (United States): Excellent / Good / Fair ≈ A / B / C, Borderline, Mild, Moderate, Severe ≈ C/D/E.
BVA/ANKC (United Kingdom, Australia): score from 0 to 106 (total of both hips, each 0-53), lower is better. A ≈ 0-4, B ≈ 5-10, C ≈ 11-18.
PennHIP: distraction index (DI) from 0 to 1: < 0.30 excellent, > 0.50 high risk of arthritis.

Elbows	Meaning	Breeding
ED0	Normal	Yes
ED1	Minimal arthritis (< 2 mm)	Not recommended
ED2	Moderate arthritis or primary lesion	No
ED3	Severe arthritis	No

DNA	Common name	Breeding
N/N	Clear, normal	With any partner
N/m	Carrier	Only with a clear dog, and test the puppies
m/m	Affected	Avoid

COI: 5-generation pedigree < 6 % desirable, genomic (Embark) < 10 % desirable. A COI > 25 % is equivalent to a brother-sister mating.

Warning signs

☐ Refusal to show documents

☐ "The breed has no health problems"

☐ "Tests are pointless for a hardy breed"

☐ Puppies available immediately all year round

☐ Delivery without a visit

☐ An "FCI pedigree" for an unrecognised breed

☐ Import from China without follow-up (a litter at almost every heat, with no rest for the mother)