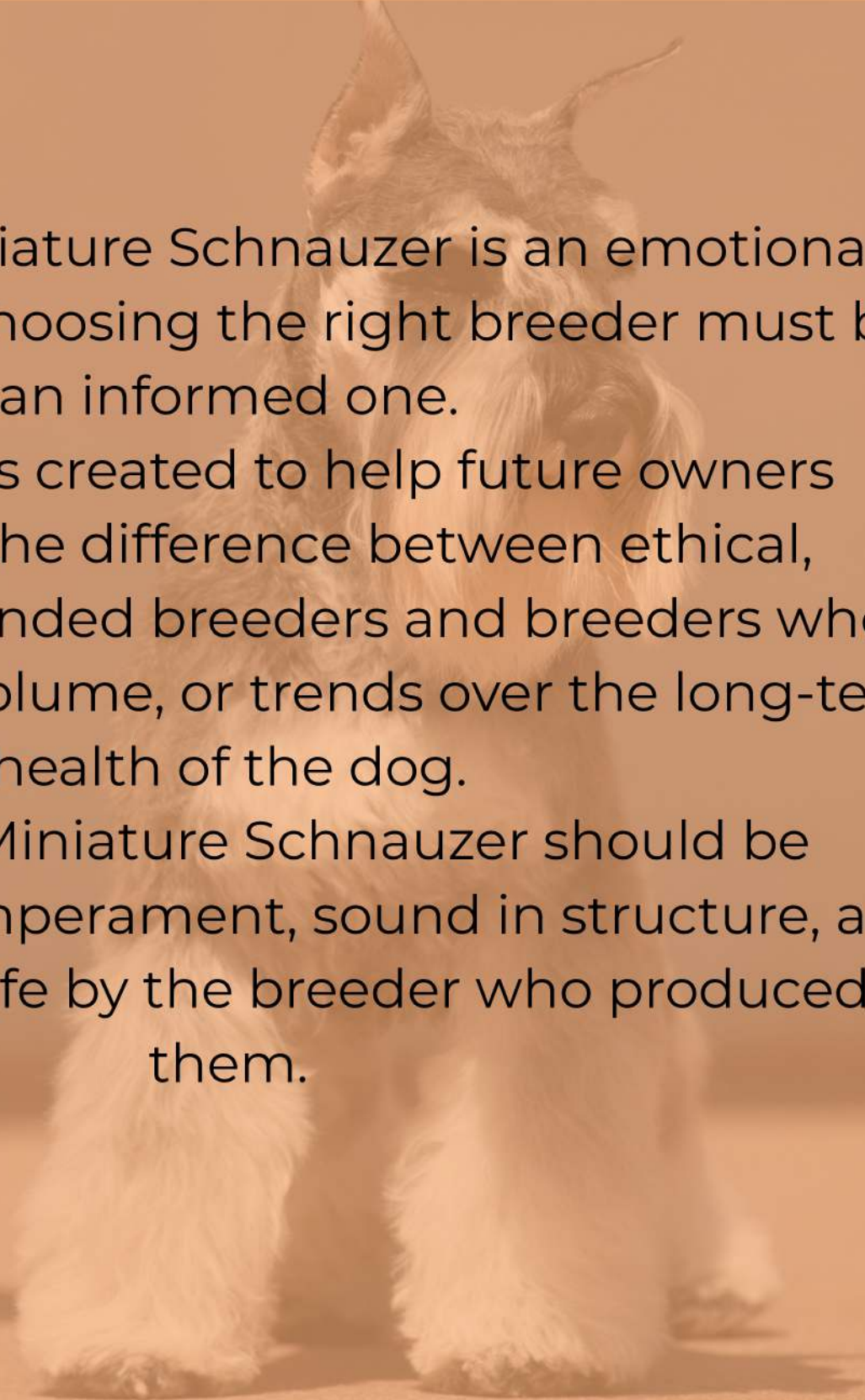




5 Questions You MUST Ask Any Miniature Schnauzer Breeder

Ensure a happy, healthy new companion

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BREEDER MATTERS



Choosing a Miniature Schnauzer is an emotional decision — but choosing the right breeder must be an informed one.

This guide was created to help future owners understand the difference between ethical, preservation-minded breeders and breeders who prioritize speed, volume, or trends over the long-term health of the dog.

A well-bred Miniature Schnauzer should be predictable in temperament, sound in structure, and supported for life by the breeder who produced them.

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Question 1

What health testing
do you perform on
your breeding dogs?

Ethical breeders do not guess when it comes to health. They should be able to clearly explain which genetic and orthopedic tests are performed, why those tests matter for the breed, and how results influence breeding decisions.

What to Listen For

- Specific tests, not vague assurances
- Transparency and documentation
 - Prevention over reaction

Red Flag

“My dogs have never had problems.”

Question 2

How do you select breeding pairs?

Preservation breeding is intentional.

Breeding decisions should be based on structure, movement, temperament, and how each dog complements the other — not convenience or demand.

What to Listen For

- Thoughtful, detailed explanations
- Willingness to delay or skip a breeding

Red Flag

Always having puppies available or breeding every heat cycle

Question 3

How are puppies raised and socialized?

The foundation of temperament is built in the first eight weeks.
Ask how puppies are handled daily, exposed to new experiences, and observed
for confidence and resilience.

What to Listen For

- • Purposeful socialization plans
- • Early neurological stimulation
- • Individual puppy evaluation

Red Flag

Very little handling of each puppy and no plan for socialization

Question 4

What support do you provide after a puppy goes home?

Ethical breeders remain responsible for the dogs they produce for life. They should offer ongoing support, require that the dog be returned to them if necessary, and remain invested in the dog's wellbeing.

What to Listen For

- Clear contracts
- Continued communication
- Lifelong responsibility

Red Flag

“Once the puppy leaves, it's yours.”

Question 5

How do you choose
which homes receive
puppies?

Responsible breeders care deeply about placement.
Expect an application or interview process, thoughtful questions, and a waitlist
rather than instant availability.

What to Listen For

- Standards and boundaries
- Education over pressure

Red Flag

“First-come, first-served sales”

Why Waitlists Matter

A waitlist is not an inconvenience — it is a sign of intention.

Preservation breeders do not breed to meet demand or guarantee puppies before they exist. They prioritize the right match over speed.

Waiting protects the breed and the families who love it.



What Comes Next

Choosing the right breeder shapes the next 12 to 15 years of your life.

Breeders who welcome these questions, answer them openly, and hold clear standards are demonstrating something real — care for the dog, the buyer, and the future of the breed.

We have a litter coming.

Freya x Oden — launching June 15, 2026.

Both parents carry all five health clearances. Both are AKC standard salt and pepper. This is a preservation-bred litter — planned deliberately, not produced on demand.

If this guide helped you understand what to look for, Harbinger is exactly what you were looking for.

Ready to get on the waitlist?

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Or simply reply to the email that brought you this guide.

\$250 fully refundable deposit holds your place. John reads every application personally.

About Harbinger Schnauzers

Harbinger Schnauzers is a preservation Miniature Schnauzer breeding program in Oneonta, Alabama, founded and operated by John.

Every breeding dog in the program completes five comprehensive health evaluations: two forms of PRA genetic testing (Orivet), Myotonia Congenita (Orivet), an OFA eye evaluation by a board-certified ophthalmologist, and a cardiac echocardiogram performed in-house by John, an ARDMS-registered diagnostic sonographer with 25 years of clinical imaging experience. Genetic results and OFA eye clearances are publicly verifiable. Cardiac echocardiograms are documented but not yet OFA-certified; a board-certified veterinary cardiologist evaluation is in progress.

Harbinger breeds to the AKC standard - salt and pepper, black and silver, solid black. Every litter runs the full Puppy Culture developmental protocol from day three.

John shows in AKC conformation because titles are proof of work, not decoration. When a judge awards one of our dogs in competition, they are independently confirming what we already believed.

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