



BEFORE YOU COMMIT

Good questions. *Clearer next steps.*

Use this checklist to organize a buying conversation. Tick only what you have checked, keep missing information visible, and take animal-specific questions to qualified advisers.

Animal / reference _____

Date _____

01 Know who and what you are evaluating.

- ☐ **Identify the animal.** Match a current viewing or suitable live video, identification, and current photographs to the same individual.
- ☐ **Confirm the seller.** Establish the person or business authorized to sell, and independently verify relevant contact and invoice details.
- ☐ **Record the basics.** Ask for date of birth or the basis of any age estimate, sex, known ancestry, and reproductive status where relevant.
- ☐ **Keep uncertainty explicit.** Write “not supplied” rather than assuming a missing record, promise, or included service.

02 Separate records from labels.

- ☐ **Ask what “mini” or “micro” means.** A label or a young calf’s appearance is not a guaranteed adult measurement.
- ☐ **Check measurements.** Record the date, age, method, and measurement point. Review mature parental records where available.
- ☐ **Check registration claims.** Confirm the named registry, animal number, category, and any transfer arrangements.
- ☐ **Assess the individual fit.** Consider purpose, experience, handling observations, horns, maturity, and compatible cattle company.

03 Bring health questions to your veterinarian.

- ☐ **Arrange appropriate independent advice.** Discuss a pre-purchase assessment and which examinations, tests, and records suit this animal and destination.
- ☐ **Match reports to identity.** Review dates, laboratory names, the exact variants tested, and sample identification—not just a shorthand genetic label. [\[1\]](#)
- ☐ **Clarify feeding readiness and transitions.** Ask for the actual feeding, weaning, treatment, and management history rather than relying on age alone.
- ☐ **Do not treat a record as a blanket guarantee.** Ask your advisers what it establishes, what it does not, and what questions remain.

Source reference [1]: UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, specific bulldog dwarfism testing. Read the linked material and review its relevance with your veterinarian.



FROM AN APPEALING IDEA TO A WORKABLE PLAN

A ready home. *A considered decision.*

04 Check the home and the full budget.

- ☐ **Inspect facilities before arrival.** Review secure boundaries, gates, reliable water, suitable shelter, safe footing, feed storage, and handling access. [2]
- ☐ **Plan compatible cattle company and daily care.** Arrange competent backup help and realistic time for routine checks.
- ☐ **Use local evidence for your land and feeding plan.** Ask appropriate advisers about forage, stocking, seasonal needs, and the individual animals.
- ☐ **Budget beyond the asking price.** Separate purchase/setup, ongoing care, and a chosen emergency reserve. Do not count a reserve as money already spent.

05 Read the written agreement before any payment.

- ☐ **Identify the exact animal and price.** Confirm what is included, what costs extra, and how long the quote applies.
- ☐ **Clarify applicable terms.** If a deposit is proposed, understand what it reserves and the agreed cancellation, refund, inspection, and delay arrangements.
- ☐ **Agree on responsibility.** Confirm collection, transport, handover, documents, and any relevant coverage or exclusions.
- ☐ **Pause when details change.** Recheck an unexpected payment recipient or urgent new demand. An inquiry or website image does not itself reserve an animal.

06 Prepare the journey and arrival.

- ☐ **Confirm the actual route and requirements.** Check animal readiness, suitable transport, identification, veterinary documents, and applicable origin/destination rules. [3]
- ☐ **Make loading and receiving practical.** Arrange competent help, safe access, communication, and a weather/delay plan.
- ☐ **Agree on the introduction plan.** Have feed, water, secure accommodation, records, and veterinarian-directed separation arrangements ready.
- ☐ **Resolve the important unknowns first.** If identity, health, suitable care, or the agreement is unclear, get advice before committing.

Questions still open / people to contact

Keep planning. [Use the ownership-budget planner](#) · [Read the buyer FAQs](#)

minicowhub.com · No confirmed sale inventory, terms, or delivery arrangement is created by using this worksheet.

[2] Penn State Extension: cattle handling facilities. [3] USDA APHIS: U.S. cattle/bison movement decision tree; it is not guidance for every jurisdiction. Confirm current requirements for the actual journey.