

# Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

## Puppy Scams

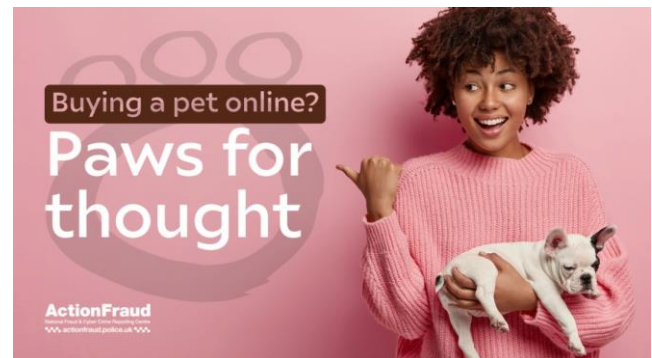
Although this is an old scam it is a recurring scam that is currently on the rise. So here is some advice to avoid becoming a victim of this scam.

**Do your research:** if you're making a purchase from a website or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. Look up reviews of the website or person you're buying from. If you're purchasing an item from an online marketplace, you can view the seller's feedback history before going ahead with the purchase.

**Trust your instincts:** if you're unable to view the animal in person, ask for a video call. If you're buying a young animal, make sure you're able to see the mother and rest of the litter. Any responsible seller will understand why you want to view the animal in person. If the seller declines, challenge them on why. If you have any suspicions, do not pay any money until you're certain it's genuine.

**Choose your payment method wisely:** avoid paying by bank transfer. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering your money if you become a victim of fraud.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.



## Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



### Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

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## Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**  
If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)   