

Buying a Cockapoo Puppy

What to expect from a Breeder who puts Health, Welfare and Temperament First



✓ Essential Documents

- Signed AWF Puppy Contract
- KC Registration Certificate (if applicable)
- Microchip Registration Certificate
- Temporary Pet Health Insurance
- Vaccination Certificate
- Copies of Health Certificates

A good breeder will

- have socialised and habituated the puppy
- provide a supply of food
- provide a blanket smelling of Mum
- follow the Code of Practice for Dog Breeding

Although Cockapoos are not a KC registered breed, responsible breeders will still health test their dogs

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
<http://www.cockapooclubgb.co.uk>
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html

✓ Health Certificates (Both Parents)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding, to include gonioscopy (includes checks for multiple inherited eye diseases and physical issues such as distichiasis)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- AMS - Acral mutilation syndrome
- FN - Familial nephropathy
- PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy

Some testing panels will also include other rare genetic diseases; different tests are relevant to dogs with different parent breeds

Other tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation





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Brief Explanation and other Diseases

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

Official Health Schemes

Distichiasis - extra misplaced eyelashes that rub the eyeball

Gonioscopy tests for primary glaucoma - a progressive eye disease leading to blindness

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness

DNA tests relevant to breed

AMS - Acral mutilation syndrome - dog attacks its own paws causing damage

FN - Familial nephropathy - early onset kidney failure

PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy - eye disease leading to blindness

Other Diseases

Chronic pancreatitis - recurring inflammation of the pancreas causing pain and vomiting

Ear infections - more likely in dogs with long, hairy ears

Luxating patella - abnormal kneecap causing pain and lameness

MVD (mitral valve disease) - leaking heart valve (usually only in old age)