

Buying a Goldendoodle 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

✓ Health Certificates (Both Parents)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC scheme for elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding, to include gonioscopy (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)
- Litters can also be screened for MRD

DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy
- ICT-A - Ichthyosis
- vWD - von Willebrand's disease

Some DNA testing panels will also include other rare genetic diseases

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

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Brief explanation and other diseases which may be more common in the breed - if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance

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

Elbow Dysplasia - abnormal formation of the elbow joint - pain and lameness

Gonioscopy tests for primary glaucoma/PLA (pectinate ligament abnormality). a painful progressive eye disease leading to blindness

MRD - multifocal retinal disease - often asymptomatic, may cause visual issues

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Ichthyosis - scaled, roughened patches of skin

Von Willebrand's disease - blood clotting disorder

Other Diseases found in parent breeds

Addison's disease - hormonal disease, causes lethargy, collapse and other symptoms

Allergic skin disease

Aortic stenosis (heart disease)

Arthritis

Bloat/GDV (gastric dilation and volvulus) - stomach inflates with air and twists, sometimes fatally

Cancer

Cushing's disease - progressive hormonal disease, causing increased thirst and lethargy

Ectopic ureter - incontinence in puppies, caused by malformation of drainage to bladder

Epilepsy

Hypothyroidism - underactive thyroid gland, causing lethargy and weight gain

Polyneuropathy - progressive weakness caused by neurological disease

Sebaceous adenitis (SA) - skin disease causing inflammation and hair loss

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