



# Buying a Sproodle 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 eye diseases and physical issues such as distichiasis)

### DNA tests relevant to breed

- AMS- Acral mutilation syndrome
- Fucosidosis
- PFK - Phosphofructokinase deficiency
- PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy

Other health tests may be relevant depending the size of the parent Poodle

These crossbreed puppies could be susceptible to the diseases relevant to both parent dogs. Sproodles are not a KC registered breed but responsible breeders will still health test their dogs,

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**Brief explanations and other diseases that may exist in the Sproodle  
If in doubt ask your vet for guidance**

## Official Health Schemes

**Hip dysplasia - HD** - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain & lameness

**Elbow Dysplasia - ED** - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain & lameness

**Distichiasis** - extra misplaced eyelashes that rub the eyeball

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

## DNA tests relevant to breeds

**AMS** - Acral mutilation syndrome - loss of sensation in feeling leading to chewing and self-mutilation, usually fatal

**Fucosidosis** - progressive and fatal disease of the nervous system

**PFK** - Phosphofructokinase deficiency - muscle disease causing weakness and exercise intolerance

**PRA** - Progressive retinal atrophy - eye disease leading to blindness

## Other Diseases found in parent breeds

**Auto immune disease such as IMHA** - immune mediated haemolytic anaemia - the body attacks its own red blood cells, causing malaise and weakness; can be fatal

**Cancer, particularly mammary tumours**

**Cushings disease** - progressive hormonal disease, causing increased thirst and lethargy

**Ear infections** - more likely in dogs with long, hairy ears; can be allergy related

**HIF/IOHC - Humoral Intracondylar Fissure/Incomplete Ossification of the Humeral Condyle** - weakness in the elbow joint causing lameness and possible factors

**Epilepsy**

Depending on the size of the parent poodle used, risk factors for other diseases may also vary

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