

Buying a Staffordshire Bull Terrier 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 (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases). Litters should also be screened for PHPV.

DNA tests relevant to breed

- HC - Hereditary cataract
- L-2HGA - L-2-hydroxglutaric aciduria

Other tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation

Facebook group: SBT Health
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief explanation and other diseases that may be more common in the breed - If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Official Health Schemes

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

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

PHPV - Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous - congenital abnormality of the eye, impairing vision

DNA tests relevant to breed

HC - hereditary cataract - clouding of the lens within the eye, leading to loss of sight

L-2HGA - L-2-hydroxyglutaric aciduria - progressive weakness and neurological defects in young dogs

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Allergic skin disease

Demodicosis - skin disease caused by demodex mites

Epilepsy

Follicular dysplasia - hair loss

Luxating patella - abnormal kneecap causing pain & lameness

