



# Buying a Bull TerrierPuppy

## 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

- BAER testing for congenital deafness
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease. DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined by an ophthalmologist before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)
- The Bull Terrier Club heart scheme
- The Bull Terrier Club kidney scheme

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- LAD – lethal acrodermatitis
- Polycystic kidney disease

#### Other tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation

<https://thebullterrierclub.co.uk/>  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html)





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**Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed – if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance**

## **Official Health Schemes**

**BAER testing** for congenital deafness – *more likely in white dogs, affects one or both ears*

The **BVA/KC eye testing scheme** checks for many inherited abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain

The Bull Terrier Club **heart scheme** – *examination by a veterinary cardiologist before breeding – tests for many abnormalities including aortic stenosis and mitral valve disease*

The Bull Terrier Club **kidney scheme** – *tests for symptoms of kidney disease (several types)*

## **DNA tests relevant to breed**

**LAD – lethal acrodermatitis** – *progressive thickening of skin, eventually fatal*

**Polycystic kidney disease**

## **Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available**

**Allergic skin disease**

**Dental problems** – *misplaced teeth*