

# Buying a Dogue de Bordeaux Puppy

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



Dogs with large amounts of excessively wrinkled skin or very short faces are more likely to have health problems linked to these body features

### ✓ 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. DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined by an ophthalmologist before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- Laboratories offer genetic tests for several rare inherited diseases in this breed

<http://www.ddbclubofgb.co.uk/index.html>  
[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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cancers** (various)

**Dermatitis** – inflammation of skin, more likely if excessive wrinkling and skin folds

**Ectropion** – drooping lower eyelids

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**Heart problems** (various, including dilated cardiomyopathy and subaortic stenosis)

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