

# Buying a Beagle 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)

#### BVA/KC Health Schemes

- **Hip dysplasia** (HD)
- **Eye disease** - Multifocal retinal dysplasia (MRD) litter screening

#### DNA Tests available

- Spinocerebellar ataxia
- Primary open angle glaucoma (POAG)
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD)
- Chondrodystrophy (CDDY & IVDD)
- Imerslund-grasbeck syndrome
- Musladin-lueke syndrome
- Factor VII deficiency
- Hypocatalasia
- Lafora disease

**Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)**  
[www.thebeagleassociation.org.uk](http://www.thebeagleassociation.org.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 Disease Explanation

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



### Health Schemes - testing available

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

**Eye disease** - multifocal retinal dysplasia (MRD) - displaced retina

### DNA Tests - available

**Spinocerebellar ataxia** - unco-ordinated movement

**Chondrodystrophy (CDDY & IVDD)** - short legs & stiffened spine

**Factor VII deficiency** - blood clotting problem - can cause excessive bleeding

**Hypocatalasia** - open sores in mouth

**Imerlund-grasbeck syndrome** - failure to thrive, kidneys affected, serious

**Lafora disease** - a type of epilepsy

**Primary open angle glaucoma (POAG)** - painful eye condition leading to blindness

**Pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD)** - severe anaemia & liver failure

**Musladin-leuke syndrome** - serious skin & join problems

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

**Hypothyroidism** - insufficient thyroid hormone, chronic lethargy & other problems

**Osteogenesis imperfect** - fragile bones & teeth

**Diabetes mellitus** - not enough insulin produced

**Cushings disease** - adrenal gland problems

**Idiopathic epilepsy** - neurological

**Renal amalydosis** - affects many organs

**Bladder & kidney stones** - painful stones in bladder and/or kidneys

**Beagle pain syndrome** - inflammation of blood vessels

**Copper hepatopathy** - liver disease

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