

# Buying a Bichon Frise 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
- Eye scheme - hereditary cataracts (HC)
- Putnam patella luxation scheme
- Baer test - deafness

#### DNA Tests available

- Chondrodystrophy (Type 1 IVDD)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.bichonfriseclubofgb.com](http://www.bichonfriseclubofgb.com)  
[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** - abnormal formation of the hip - pain & lameness

**Hereditary cataracts** - can cause blindness

**Patellar luxation** - abnormal joint in hind leg - pain & lameness

**DNA Tests** - available

**Chondrodystrophy** - abnormal spinal discs - pain

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

**Atrophy** - skin disease

**Cranial cruciate ligament disease (CCL)** - rupture of knee ligament

**Mast cell tumours** - cancer affecting skin and other organs

**Note:**

Daily grooming & regular trimming needed