



Buying a Boxer Puppy

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

Avoid over shortened head

✓ 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)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- Eye scheme
- **Aortic stenosis** - annual test for heart murmur
- **Cardiomyopathy** - echocardiography & breed club recommendations
- **Progressive axonopathy** - breed council scheme

DNA Tests available

- Cardiomyopathy
- Degenerative myelopathy
- Factor VIII deficiency

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.boxerbreedcouncil.co.uk
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 hip, pain & lameness

Elbow dysplasia (ED) - abnormalities of elbow joint, pain & lameness

Eye scheme - annual checks due to round, forward facing eyes

Aortic stenosis - narrowing of heart valve

Cardiomyopathy - degeneration of heart muscle

Progressive axonopathy - neurological, weakness & wobbliness

DNA Tests - available

Cardiomyopathy - degeneration of heart muscle

Degenerative myelopathy - hind leg weakness, paralysis

Factor VIII deficiency - rare blood clotting disorder

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Bloat/torsion - stomach fills with air & twists, can be fatal

Cranial cruciate ligament disease (CLL) - rupture of the knee ligament

Juvenile kidney disease (JKD) - abnormal kidney structure, fatal

Panosteitis - puppy growing pains in leg bones

Deafness (white coat colour)

Pancreatitis - inflammation of the pancreas

Epilepsy - neurological

Cancer

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