

Buying a Chow Chow 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)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- Eye scheme - Entropion (annual testing)
- Breed Council Bronze Health Scheme
- Putnam patella test - Patella luxation

DNA Tests available

- Hypomyelination

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.chowchowbreedcouncil.com
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html





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Brief Explanation and other Diseases If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

Health Schemes - testing available

Hip dysplasia (HD) - abnormal formation of the hip, pain and lameness

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

Entropion - inward growing eyelashes which scratch the eye

Patella luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg causing pain and lameness

DNA Tests - available

Hypomyelination - 'Shaking puppy syndrome' loss of muscle control

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Alopecia x - hair loss

Hypothyroidism - reduced thyroid production causing various problems

Uveo dermatological syndrome - affects eyes and skin

Glaucoma - painful eye condition

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca - 'Dry eye'

Gastric dilation volvulus (GDV) - stomach fills with air and twists, potentially fatal

Pemphigus foliaceus - autoimmune skin disease

Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency - poor absorption of nutrients, weight loss