

Buying a Standard Poodle 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)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC scheme for elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA - progressive retinal atrophy
- vWD - von Willebrand's disease

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Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed - if in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Official Health Schemes

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

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

DNA Tests

PRA - progressive retinal atrophy - gradual blindness

Von Willebrand's disease - blood clotting disorder

Other Diseases

Addison's disease - hormonal disease, causes lethargy, collapse and other symptoms

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

Cancers

Cushing's disease - progressive hormonal disease, causing increased thirst and lethargy

Dental problems - misplaced teeth

Epilepsy

Sebaceous adenitis (SA) -skin disease causing inflammation and hair loss