

# Buying a Dachshund (Miniature Longhaired) 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

- Eye Scheme: clinical eye examination before breeding
- Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD) Kennel Club Scheme Grade 0-3

#### DNA Tests available

- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA cord 1)
- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA crd 4)
- Narcolepsy
- Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (NCL2)
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- VonWillebrands disease 1

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.dachshundbreedcouncil.wordpress.com](http://www.dachshundbreedcouncil.wordpress.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 Explanation and other Diseases If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

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**Eye Scheme:** clinical eye examination before breeding

**Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD)** - early degeneration of spinal discs, pain and disability

### DNA Tests - available

**Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA cord 1 and crd 4)** - gradual loss of sight

**Narcolepsy** - extreme sleepiness

**Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (NCL2)** - neurological, loss of co-ordination

**Osteogenesis imperfecta** - brittle bones and teeth, break easily

**VonWillebrands disease 1** - blood clotting disorder

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

**Distichiasis** - additional eyelashes which rub and scratch the lens

**Epilepsy** - neurological

**Pes Varus** - bone deformity of foot, turning inwards

**Immune-mediated thrombocytopenia** - blood clotting disease