

Buying a Dachshund (Miniature Smooth) 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

- X-Ray screening for **Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD)**
- Putnam patella test

Avoid an extreme type (too long back, too short legs)

DNA Tests available

- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) crd 1
- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) crd 4
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Chondrodystrophy linked to IVDD
- Lafora disease

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.dachshundhealth.org.uk
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

Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD) - abnormal spinal discs causing pain & paralysis

Luxating patella - abnormal joint in hind leg, pain and lameness

DNA Tests - available

Osteogenesis imperfecta -- fragile bones and teeth

Chondrodystrophy linked to IVDD - abnormal discs in spine - pain

Lafora disease - a type of epilepsy - neurological

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) - eye disease, progressive loss of sight

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Cushing's disease - hormonal disease

Dermatitis - inflamed and itchy skin

Diabetes mellitus - too little insulin produced

Cancers and tumours

Heart disease - leads to heart failure