

# Buying a Dachshund (Miniature Smooth) Puppy

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



Avoid an extreme type with very long back and very short legs

### ✓ 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 screening for eye disease
  - Full ophthalmological eye testing before breeding - includes checks for multiple inherited diseases
- KC/Dachshund Health UK X-Ray screening for intervertebral disc disease (IVDD)

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA

#### Other relevant health tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation

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

### Official Health Schemes

**Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD)** - degeneration of spinal discs and spinal cord compression, pain, possible paralysis

### DNA Tests

**PRA** - inherited loss of sight leading to blindness

### Other Diseases

**Pes varus** - a deformity of the hind legs, which are twisted inwards at the hock (ankle) joint

Possible problems with **luxating patellae (kneecaps)**

**Dachshunds may be more likely to suffer from skin allergies than other breeds**

**Avoid a dilute (blue or isabella) coloured puppy or a puppy that has large white markings and mottled coloured patches (double dapple), as these colours can be associated with health problems**