

Buying a Dachshund (Mini Wirehaired) 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
 - Persistent pupillary membrane (PPM) litter screening
 - 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
- Lafora disease

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



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

Official Health Schemes

Persistent pupillary membrane - abnormal tissue within the front part of the eye

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

Lafora disease - a type of epilepsy

Other Diseases

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

Avoid a puppy that has large white markings and mottled coloured patches (double dapple) as this colour can be associated with health problems