

Buying a Dachshund (Standard 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

✓ Health Certificates (Both Parents)

Official Health Schemes

✓ 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

- **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)**

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 ask your vet for guidance

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

Other Diseases

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