

Buying a Dalmatian 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

- Hip dysplasia (HD)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BAER test - deafness

DNA Tests available

- Familial fatal acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
- Hyperuricosuria and Hyperuricemia (HUU) (Urolithiasis)
- Degenerative myelopathy (DM)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.britishdalmationclub.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

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip - pain and lameness

Elbow dysplasia - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain and lameness

Deafness - born with lack of hearing in one or both ears

DNA Tests - available

Familial fatal acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) - sudden failure of ability to breathe

Hyperuricosuria & Hyperuricemia (HUU) (Urolithiasis) urinary stones - painful stones in the bladder or kidney

Degenerative myelopathy - hind leg weakness or paralysis

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Epilepsy - neurological - repeated seizures

Gastric dilatation volvulus (bloat) - stomach bloats and twists - can be fatal

Skin allergies - red, itchy skin