



DBRG Guide to Different Types of Breeder

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ScottishSPCA Assured Puppy Scheme	Not applicable	Yes (AWF Puppy Contract)	Yes (Dam and Sire, DNA and Health Schemes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Possibly	Yes
Kennel Club Assured Breeder (ABS)	No	Yes	Some listed health tests <i>required</i> (other tests are <i>recommended</i>)	No	Yes	Yes	Some may have breed rescue or ex-breeding females	Possibly
Local Authority Licensed Breeder, Higher Standard	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (every 5 years)	Yes	Likely to have ex-breeding females	Possibly

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Breed Club Member	Only if licensed	No	No	No	Only if licensed or KC ABS	Some	Possibly ex breeding females or breed rescue dogs	Possibly
Kennel Club registered breeder	Only breeders who are licensed	No	No	No	If ABS or LA Licensed	Some: proportion not known	Some have breed rescue or ex-breeding females	Possibly
Unlicensed Breeder (including hobby breeder, family dog breeder, backyard breeder)	No	No	No, but some may	No, but some may	No	Some	Possibly	Possibly

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Home Breeders Association (HBA) Breeder	Only if licensed	No	If recommended by a vet	No	No	Yes, variable standard	Possibly	Possibly
Local Authority Licensed Breeder (lower standard)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (frequency depends on star system)	Yes, but variable standard	Possibly ex-breeding females	No
ADCH Rescue Charities	No	Yes (homing contract that covers welfare and owner responsibilities)	Dogs vet checked before available for rehoming	Not applicable	Yes, checked by ADCH assessors	Yes	Yes	Not applicable

