

Buying a Welsh Springer Spaniel 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

<https://www.welshspringerspaniel.club/health-welfare/joint-health-group/BreedHealth>

www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html

✓ Health Certificates (both parents)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding, to include gonioscopy (includes checks for multiple inherited eye diseases)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- Factor VII deficiency

Some laboratories may offer genetic tests for other rare inherited conditions in this breed



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Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed – if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance



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Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness
The **BVA/KC eye testing scheme** checks for many inherited and physical abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain. Gonioscopy tests for goniodysgenesis /PLA (pectinate ligament abnormality) which assesses a predisposition for **primary glaucoma**, a painful progressive eye disease leading to blindness. The BVA recommend gonioscopy is carried out every three years to assess for progression of PLA.

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Factor VII deficiency – slow blood clotting

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Ear infections – more likely in dogs with long, hairy ears; can be allergy related
Epilepsy