

Buying a Dobermann 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
 - 5 Weeks Pet 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 and Grandparents)

BVA/KC Health Schemes

- Hip dysplasia (HD)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- Eye disease (PHPV)

DNA Tests available

- Von willebrand's disease (vWD 1)
- Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)
- Degenerative myelopathy (DM)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.thedobermannclub.co.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

Eye Scheme - Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous - abnormality impairing vision

DNA Tests - available

Degenerative myelopathy (DM) - hind leg weakness/paralysis

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) - heart disease

Juvenile dilated cardiomyopathy (JDCM) - early onset heart disease.

Von willebrand's disease (vWD 1) - blood clotting disorder

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Wobbler syndrome - malformation of bones in neck and spine - loss of mobility

Bloat/torsion - stomach fills with air and twists - extreme pain, fatal if not treated.