

Buying an English 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

✓ **Health Certificates (both parents)**

BVA/KC Health Schemes

- **Hip dysplasia (HD)**
- **Elbow dysplasia (ED)**
- **Eye scheme** -Multifocal retinal dysplasia (MRD) Glaucoma (G), Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), Retinal pigment epithelial dystrophy (RPED)

DNA Tests available

- Phosphofructokinase deficiency (PFK)
- Acral mutilation syndrome
- Fucidosis

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.englishspringer.org
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief Disease Explanation

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Health Schemes - testing available

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of hip - pain & lameness

Elbow dysplasia - abnormalities of elbow joint - pain & lameness

Eye scheme - MRD - leads to loss of sight; **G** - painful pressure in the eye;

PRA - leads to blindness; **RPED** - eye degeneration

DNA Tests - available

Phosphofructokinase deficiency (PFK) - exercise intolerance and muscle disease

Acral mutilation syndrome - loss of feeling, leads to chewing & damage to flesh

Fucidodis - nervous system, progressive & fatal

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Ehlers-danlos syndrome - fragile skin and joint laxity

Epilepsy - neurological

Mammary tumours - cancer (30%)

Immune mediated haemolytic anaemia - malaise, pain and distress