

Buying a Labrador Retriever 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)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC scheme for elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding (includes checks for multiple diseases)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- CNM - centronuclear myopathy
- PRA - progressive retinal atrophy
- HNPK - hypertrophic nasal parakeratosis
- EIC - exercise-induced collapse
- SD2 - skeletal dysplasia

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



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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



Official Health Schemes

Hip dysplasia (HD) - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain & lameness

Elbow dysplasia (ED) - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain & lameness

DNA tests relevant to breed

CNM - centronuclear myopathy - muscular weakness and gradual paralysis

PRA - progressive retinal atrophy - gradual blindness

HNPk - hypertrophic nasal parakeratosis - cracked, dry nose

EIC - exercise-induced collapse - collapse after short exertion

SD2 - skeletal dysplasia - shortened legs

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Osteoarthritis (sometimes related to HD & ED) - joint pain, stiffness and/or lameness

Cancer - various types including soft tissue tumours