

Buying a German Shepherd Dog 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 diseases:
 - HC (annual testing)
 - MRD (litter screening)
 - PRA (annual testing)
- Haemophilia - GSD club scheme test for males

Ensure both parents have a straight, not sloping back

DNA Tests available

- Degenerative myelopathy (DM/CDRM)
- Mucopolysaccharidosis type V11
- Hyperuricosuria HUU
- Leucocyte adhesion deficiency 3 (LAD3)
- Renal carcinoma
- Achromatopsia

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
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 disease - various abnormalities - blindness and pain

DNA Tests - available

Haemophilia - abnormal blood clotting

Degenerative myelopathy (DM/CDRM) - progressive muscle weakness

Mucopolysaccharidosis type V11 - enzyme deficiency, unable to walk

Hyperuricosuria HUU - painful bladder stones

Renal cancer - kidney

Achromatopsia - day blindness

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA text available

Gastro dilatation volvulus (GDV) - stomach fills with air & twists, can be fatal

Patent ductus arteriosus - heart disease, leading to heart failure and death

Various cancers

Lumber-sacral transitional vertebrae (LTV) - painful abnormality of the lower spine.