

Buying a German Shorthaired Pointer 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 disease Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) (annual testing)

DNA Tests available

- von Willebrands Disease (vWD) type 11
- Neuroaxonal dystrophy, Foetal (FNAD)
- Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa (JEB)
- Acral mutilation syndrome
- Hyperuricosuria (HUU)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.gsp.org.uk
www.dbrg.org.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 (HD) - abnormal formation of the hip - pain and lameness

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

PRA (progressive retinal atrophy) - progressive loss of sight

DNA Tests - available

von Willebrands Disease (vWD) type 11 - bleeding disorder

Neuroaxonal dystrophy, Foetal (FNAD) - delay between brain and body, lack of co-ordination

Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa (JEB) - skin blistering

Acral mutilation syndrome - absence of sensation in paws

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) - urinary stones, very painful

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Atopy - allergic skin disease

Epilepsy - neurological

Distichiasis - extra eyelashes which scratch the lens

Cancer - bone, soft tissue

Panosteitis - bone inflammation

Heart disease -aortic stenosis

GM2 gangliosidosis - storage disease - lack of co-ordination

Myasthenia gravis - affects muscles

Polyarthritis/meningitis syndrome- immune disease

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