

Buying a Golden 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)

BVA/KC Health Schemes

- Hip dysplasia (HD)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- Eye scheme PRA rped, HC, (annual test), MRD (litter screen)

DNA Tests available

- PRA prcd, GR_PRA1, GR_PRA2
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB)
- Sensory ataxic neuropathy
- Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis 5 (NCL5)
- Congenital myasthenes syndrome (CMS)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.thegoldenretrieverclub.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 disease

- **PRA** Progressive retinal atrophy - progressive loss of sight
- **HC** Hereditary cataract - gradual sight loss
- **MRD** Multi-focal retinal dysplasia (MRD) leading to loss of sight

DNA Tests - available

Duchenne muscular dystrophy - muscle wasting disease affecting males

Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis 5 (NCL5) - disease of the nervous system

Congenital myasthenes syndrome (CMS) - progressive weakening of muscles

Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB) - skin disease causing blistering

Sensory ataxic neuropathy - neurological - wobbliness

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Atopy - allergic skin disease

Cranial cruciate ligament rupture - rupture of knee ligament

Epilepsy - neurological

Heart disease - Dilated cardiomyopathy; Subvalvular aortic stenosis

Cancer - Hemangiosarcoma - blood cancer

Shoulder osteochondrosis - abnormal bone cartilage, pain, lameness

Hypothyroidism underactive thyroid, lethargy, weight gain

Juvenile renal dysplasia - kidney abnormality - can be fatal

