

# Buying an Irish Setter 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 - Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) (annual testing)

#### DNA Tests available

- Canine leukocyte adhesion deficiency (CLAD)
- Globoid cell leukodystrophy
- Progressive retinal atrophy PRA rcd 1
- Progressive retinal atrophy PRA rcd 4
- Degenerative myelopathy

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.irishsetter.org.uk](http://www.irishsetter.org.uk)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://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 (HD)**- abnormal formation of the hip joint, pain and lameness

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

**Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)** - gradual loss of sight

### DNA Tests - available

**Canine leukocyte adhesion deficiency (CLAD)** - affected puppies die early from multiple infections

**Globoid cell leukodystrophy** - neurological, progressive paralysis and death

**Progressive retinal atrophy PRA rcd 1**- (see above)

**Progressive retinal atrophy PRA rcd 4** - (see above)

**Degenerative myelopathy** - progressive weakness in hind legs

### Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

**Gastric dilatation volvulus (GDV)** - stomach fills with air and twists, fatal if not treated urgently

**Epilepsy** - neurological

**Atopy** - allergic skin disease

**Urinary incontinence** - inability to control bladder

**Acral lick dermatitis** - obsessive licking leading to skin damage

**Megaesophagus** - failure of throat muscles to send food to stomach