

# Buying a Jack Russell Terrier 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

- **Eye scheme** - Primary lens luxation (PLL); Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA-prcd); annual testing
- **BAER test**
- **Patella luxation-** Putnam patella luxation scheme

#### DNA Tests available

- Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)
- Primary lens luxation (PLL)
- Chondrodystrophy (Type1 IVDD)
- Hyperuricosuria (HUU)
- Late onset ataxia (LOA)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.jackrussellterrierclub.co.uk](http://www.jackrussellterrierclub.co.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 Disease Explanation

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



### Health Schemes - testing available

**Primary lens luxation (PLL)** - eye disease - dislocation of the lens

**Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA-prcd)** - eye disease leading to blindness

**BAER** - test for deafness

**Patellar Luxation** - knee cap slips in and out of groove - pain and lameness

### DNA Tests - available

**Late onset ataxia (LOA)** - neurological, loss of balance

**Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)** - early onset neurological, loss of balance

**Hyperuricosuria (HUU)** - urinary stones, painful

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

**Epilepsy** - neurological

**Portosystemic shunt** - abnormal blood vessel leading to liver damage