

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)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC scheme for elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease. DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined by an ophthalmologist before breeding

DNA tests relevant to breed

Genetic laboratories offer several tests for rare inherited diseases in this breed, including -

- Acral mutilation syndrome
- JEB - Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa
- vWD - von Willebrands Disease type 11

<https://gsp.org.uk/health/>
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed – if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance

Official Health Schemes

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness

Elbow dysplasia - abnormal formation of the elbow joint - pain and lameness

The BVA/KC eye testing scheme checks for many inherited abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain.

DNA tests relevant to breed

Acral mutilation syndrome – dog attacks its own paws

JEB - Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa - blistering of the skin and membranes

vWD - von Willebrands Disease type 11 – abnormal blood clotting

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Bloat/GDV (gastric dilation and volvulus) - where the stomach inflates with air and twists, sometimes fatally

Cancer (various)

Entropion (inturned eyelids)

Epilepsy

Osteochondrosis – abnormal cartilage in shoulder joint