

Buying a Rottweiler 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 (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases). Litters can be screened for MRD (multifocal retinal dysplasia).

DNA tests relevant to breed

- JLLP - Juvenile laryngeal paralysis and polyneuropathy
- LEMP - Leukoencephalomyelopathy

Other tests

Rottweilers can be examined by a veterinary cardiologist to check for SAS (subaortic stenosis)

<https://www.rottweilerbreedcouncil.co.uk/>
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

JLLP – Juvenile laryngeal paralysis and polyneuropathy – breathing problems, progressive weakness and paralysis

LEMP - Leukoencephalomyelopathy – progressive weakness and paralysis

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Cancers (various, particularly osteosarcoma - bone cancer)

CCL - Cranial cruciate ligament disease - rupture of the knee ligament

Ectropion – drooping eyelids

Entropion – inturned eyelids that rub on eyeballs

Osteochondrosis - abnormal cartilage of joints

SAS - Subaortic stenosis – abnormal structure of heart, can cause heart failure