

# Buying a Whippet 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 eye scheme - DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined for inherited eye disease before breeding

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- Some laboratories offer DNA tests for rare inherited diseases that might occur in Whippets

#### Other health tests

- Whippets should have their hearts examined by a specialist veterinary cardiologist before breeding

[www.whippetbreedcouncil.com/breed-clubs](http://www.whippetbreedcouncil.com/breed-clubs)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://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

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The **BVA/KC eye testing scheme** is available for all breeds, and checks for many inherited abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain.

## Other Diseases

**Autoimmune diseases (various types)**

**Endocrine diseases (various types)**

**Heart disease (various types, including abnormalities of the mitral or pulmonic heart valves and cardiomyopathy (progressive disease of the heart muscle))**