

Buying a Labrador Retriever 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 - annual testing
TRD, PRA, RPED, HC, MRD

DNA Tests available

- Centronuclear myopathy (CNM)
- Alexander disease
- Congenital myasthenic syndrome
- Copper toxicosis
- Cystinuria type 1-A
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.labradorbreedcouncil.co.uk
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

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

Elbow dysplasia - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain & lameness

Eye scheme - **TRD total retinal dysplasia** - retina detaches; **PRA** - **progressive retinal atrophy** - leads to blindness; **RPED** - **retinal pigment epithelial dystrophy** - progressive leading to neurological symptoms; **HC** - **hereditary cataract** - can cause blindness; **MRD** - **multi-focal retinal dysplasia** - leads to loss of sight.

DNA Tests - available

Centronuclear myopathy (CNM) - muscle disease

Alexander disease - neurological

Congenital myasthenic syndrome - progressive weakening of muscles

Copper toxicosis - severe liver disease

Cystinuria type 1 - A - bladder stones

Pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD) - anaemia (lack of red blood cells)

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Atrophy - allergic skin disease

Addison's disease - hormonal disease - fatal if not treated

Cruciate ligament rupture - rupture of the knee ligament

Patellar luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg causing pain & lameness

Cancer - various types, including soft tissue tumours