

Buying a Maltese 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

- Putnam Patella luxation scheme

DNA Tests available

- Glycogen storage disease Type 1a
- Glycogen storage disease Type 11a

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.themalteseclub.co.uk
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html





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Brief Explanation and other Diseases

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

Health Schemes - testing available

Patella luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg, pain and lameness

DNA Tests - available

Glycogen storage disease - liver disease

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) - heart disease, leading to death

Atopy - allergic skin disease

Hypothyroidism - underactive thyroid, lethargy and weight gain

Portosystemic shunt - leads to serious liver damage

Haemophilia B (factor 1X deficiency) - blood clotting disorder

Urolithiasis - bladder stones