

# Buying a Standard Poodle 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; full ophthalmological testing before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA - progressive retinal atrophy
- vWD - von Willebrand's disease

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Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed - if in doubt ask your vet for guidance



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**Hip dysplasia (HD)** - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness

**Elbow dysplasia (ED)** - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain and lameness

## DNA Tests

**PRA - progressive retinal atrophy** - gradual blindness

**Von Willebrand's disease** - blood clotting disorder

## Other Diseases

**Addison's disease** - hormonal disease, causes lethargy, collapse and other symptoms

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

**Cancers**

**Cushing's disease** - progressive hormonal disease, causing increased thirst and lethargy

**Epilepsy**

**Sebaceous adenitis (SA)** - skin disease causing inflammation and hair loss