

Buying a Toy 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 screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases and physical issues such as distichiasis)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA - progressive retinal atrophy

Other relevant health tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation

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





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

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Distichiasis - extra misplaced eyelashes that rub the eyeball

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PRA - progressive retinal atrophy - gradual blindness

Other diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

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

Diabetes mellitus - pancreas produces too little insulin to control blood sugar levels

Ear infections - more likely in dogs with long, hairy ears

Luxating patella - abnormal kneecap causing pain & lameness

MVD (mitral valve disease) - leaking heart valve (usually only in old age)

**Avoid a puppy whose parents are unusually small.
Such dogs are more prone to fragile bones that may easily break
and to dental problems**

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