

Buying a Miniature Schnauzer 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). Litters should also be screened for CHC.

DNA tests relevant to breed

- MAC - mycobacterium avium complex
- Myotonia congenita
- PMDS - persistent Mullerian duct syndrome

Breeders may also DNA test their dogs for several other very rare conditions currently being researched in Miniature Schnauzers

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
<https://www.schnauzerclub.co.uk/documents/health/MiniKCConservationPlan2021.pdf>
www.theminiatureschnauzerclub.co.uk
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

Official Health Schemes

Several inherited diseases of Miniature Schnauzers are monitored through the BVA/KC eye testing scheme. **PRA (progressive retinal atrophy)** - causes gradual sight loss) and **HC (hereditary cataract)** - causes gradual sight loss) are detected by eye testing annually or before breeding. **CHC (congenital hereditary cataract)** is present at birth and diagnosed by litter screening.

DNA Tests relevant to breed

MAC - mycobacterium avium complex - defective immune system allows fatal infection

Myotonia congenita - abnormal muscle function

PMDS - persistent Mullerian duct syndrome - abnormal structure of genitals

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Bladder stones

Cancers

Diabetes mellitus - hormonal, failure to control blood sugar levels

Mitral valve disease - progressive heart disease, can lead to heart failure

Pancreatitis - malfunction of pancreas, progressive chronic pain