



# Buying a Border Terrier 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, particularly hereditary cataract)

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- Spongiform leucoencephalomyelopathy (SLEM) shaking puppy syndrome

<https://borderterrierhealth.org.uk/index.html>  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://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

The BVA/KC eye testing scheme monitors for many inherited abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain.

## DNA tests relevant to breed

**SLEM - Spongiform leucoencephalomyelopathy** - neurological disease causing severe tremors in young puppies

## Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

**CECS - Canine epileptoid cramping syndrome (CECS)** – episodes of tremors and muscle cramping

**Gall bladder mucocoele (BM)** – abnormal mucus causing enlarged and painful gall bladder (digestive system)

**Hormonal abnormalities such as hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing's disease):** currently under investigation

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