

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)**

BVA/KC Health Schemes

- **Hip dysplasia (HD)**
- **Eye scheme - Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)** annual testing; **Hereditary cataract (HC)** annual testing; **Multifocal retinal dysplasia (MRD)** litter screening

DNA Tests available

- Hyperuricosuria & Hyperuricemia
- Persistent mullerian duct syndrome
- Von willebrand disease 1 (vWD1)
- Myotonia congenital

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



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Brief Disease Explanation If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Health Schemes - testing available

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip, pain & lameness

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) (annual testing) - progressive loss of sight

Hereditary cataract (HC) (annual testing) - progressive loss of sight

Multifocal retinal dysplasia (MRD) (litter screening) - leads to loss of sight

DNA Tests - available

Hyperuricosuria & Hyperuricemia - bladder stones

Myotonia congenital - muscle disorder

Persistent mullerian duct syndrome - failure of testicles to descend

Von willebrand disease 1 (vWD 1) - blood clotting disease

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Diabetes mellitus - hormonal, failure to control blood sugar levels

Hyperadrenocorticism (cushings disease) - hormonal disease, chronic malaise & pain

Mitral valve disease - serious, progressive heart disease leading to heart failure

Pancreatitis - malfunction of pancreas, progressive chronic pain