

# Buying a Miniature 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)

#### BVA/KC Health Schemes

- Hip dysplasia (HD)
- Eye scheme - Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), (PRA rcd4) (annual testing); Hereditary cataract (HD) (annual testing)

#### DNA Tests available

- Chondrodysplasia (CDPA)
- Chondrodystrophy (CDDY and IVDD)
- PRA prcd
- PRA rcd4
- Von Willebrands 1

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.miniaturepoodleclub.weebly.com](http://www.miniaturepoodleclub.weebly.com)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html)



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## Brief Explanation and other Diseases

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



### Health Schemes - testing available

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

**Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA prcd) (PRA rcd4)** - gradual loss of sight

**Hereditary cataract (HD)** - gradual loss of sight

### DNA Tests - available

**Chondrodysplasia (CDPA)** - shorter than normal limbs

**Chondrodystrophy (CDDY and IVDD)** - abnormal spinal discs

**PRA prcd** (see above)

**PRA rcd4** (see above)

**Von Willebrands 1** - blood clotting disorder

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

**Diabetes mellitus** - hormonal, failure to control blood sugar levels

**Distichiasis** - double row of eyelashes which rub against the lens

**Hyperadrenocorticism (Cushings disease)** - hormonal disease

**Otitis external** - inflammation of ear canal, irritation and pain