

# Buying a Newfoundland 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)

Elbow dysplasia (ED)

Eye scheme:

Entropion; Ectropion; "Diamond eye"; 'Cherry eye';

**Glaucoma** (annual testing)

**Heart disease:**

**Echo Doppler examination for Subvalvular aortic stenosis (SAS), Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)**

#### DNA Tests available

Cystinuria type 1-A

Cystinuria type 11-A

Cystinuria type 11-B

**Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)**  
[www.thenewfoundlandclub.co.uk](http://www.thenewfoundlandclub.co.uk)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://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 (HD)** - abnormal formation of hip, pain & lameness

**Elbow dysplasia (ED)** - abnormalities of elbow joint, pain & lameness

**Eye scheme:** - **Entropion** - inward growing eyelashes which scratch the eye; **Ectropion** - outward growing eyelashes which leave the eye exposed; **'Diamond eye'** - combined entropion & ectropion; **'Cherry eye'** - gland inside third eye pops out, inflammation & discomfort; **Glaucoma** - painful, leads to blindness.

**Heart scheme:** - **Subvalvular aortic stenosis (SAS)** - narrowing of heart valve

**Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)** - narrowing of heart valve

**Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA~)** - heart disease leading to heart failure & death

### DNA Tests - available

**Cystinuria (Urolithiasis)** - bladder stones

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

**Gastric dilation volvulus (GDV)** - stomach fills with air & twists, can be fatal

**Medial canthal pocket syndrome** - chronic conjunctivitis & discharge from eyes

**Ectopic ureter** - leakage of urine on to skin

**Acquired myasthenia graves** - immune disease, extreme weakness & fatigue

**Acquired megaesophagus** - enlarged oesophagus, regurgitation of food

**Atopy** - allergic skin disease

**Pemphigus foliaceus** - autoimmune disease, skin blisters & lethargy

**Myopathy** - muscle weakness & fatigue

**Panosteitis** - painful bone disease in young dogs

**Cancer** - osteosarcoma - bone cancer

**Cranial cruciate ligament rupture (CCL)** - rupture of the knee ligament

