

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
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

