

# Buying a Dalmatian 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

- BAER testing for congenital deafness
- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC scheme for elbow dysplasia (ED)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined by an ophthalmologist before breeding

#### DNA tests relevant to breed

- HUU - Hyperuricosuria/urolithiasis

Laboratories may also offer tests for other rarer inherited diseases

[www.britishdalmatianclub.org.uk](http://www.britishdalmatianclub.org.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 explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed – if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance**

## **Official Health Schemes**

**BAER testing for congenital deafness** – can affect one or both ears

**Hip dysplasia** - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness

**Elbow dysplasia** - abnormal formation of the elbow joint - pain and lameness

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

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**HUU - Hyperuricosuria/urolithiasis** – bladder stones, a very common problem in Dalmatians

## **Other common diseases**

**Allergies**

**Cancers (various)** – particularly skin cancers linked to white colour

**Epilepsy**

**Dalmatians with blue eyes are more likely to be deaf in one or both ears; Dalmatians with coloured head patches are less likely to be deaf**