

Buying an Irish Setter 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

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease. DBRG recommends that all dogs should be visually examined by an ophthalmologist before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases).

DNA tests relevant to breed

- CLAD – Canine Leucocyte Adhesion Deficiency
- PRA – Progressive Retinal Atrophy

Some laboratories offer DNA tests for other rare inherited diseases in Irish Setters

<https://isbc.org.uk/health/>
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

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip 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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CLAD - Canine Leucocyte Adhesion Deficiency – abnormal white blood cells that cannot fight infection

PRA - Progressive Retinal Atrophy – gradual blindness

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

GDV - Gastro dilatation/volvulus ('bloat') - stomach fills with air and twists, can be fatal

Epilepsy - seizures

Hypothyroidism - underactive thyroid gland, causing weight gain and lethargy

Megaesophagus – food does not reach the stomach normally, causing breathing problems