

# Buying a Lhasa Apso 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 screening for eye disease: full ophthalmological testing before breeding (includes checks for multiple inherited eye diseases)

### DNA tests relevant to breed

- Chondrodysplasia
- Haemophilia
- PRA

### Other tests

- Putnam scoring for patella luxation

[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html)  
<https://lhasa-apso-club.org.uk/>





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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

The **BVA/KC eye testing scheme** is available for all breeds, and checks for many inherited abnormalities that can cause progressive blindness or pain

## DNA tests relevant to breed

**Chondrodysplasia** – higher risk of intervertebral disc disease, causing pain or paralysis

**Haemophilia** – blood clotting disorder

**PRA – progressive retinal atrophy** – gradual loss of vision

## Other Diseases

**Bladder stones**

**Distichiasis** – ingrowing eyelashes – more likely in dogs with profuse hair

**Ear infections** – more likely in dogs with long, hairy ears

**Keratoconjunctivitis sicca** (dry eye – lack of normal tear production)

**Patella luxation** – abnormal kneecap causing pain & lameness

