

# Buying a Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) Puppy

## What to expect from a Breeder who puts Health, Welfare and Temperament First

Avoid a puppy from parents with very long backs and very short legs, as dogs with extreme conformation may be at greater risk of health problems



### ✓ 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. 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

- DM (degenerative myelopathy)

Genetic laboratories offer tests for other rare inherited diseases in Pembroke Welsh Corgis

[www.welshcorgileague.org](http://www.welshcorgileague.org)  
[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**

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

## **DNA tests relevant to breed**

**Chondrodystrophy (CDDY)** – most Pembroke Corgis probably have this gene, which contributes to their short legs but increases their risk of spinal disc disease (IVDD).

**DM – degenerative myelopathy** – progressive weakness of back legs

## **Other problems**

**Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD)** - degeneration of spinal discs and spinal cord compression, pain, possible paralysis. More likely in dogs with chondrodystrophy.

**Urolithiasis** (bladder stones)

## **NOTE**

There are two separate breeds of Welsh Corgi. This information refers to Pembroke Welsh Corgis, which are much more common. The Cardigan Welsh Corgi is a rare breed. Both types of Corgi are susceptible to some of the same diseases, particularly spinal problems, but there are also differences between them – see <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/search/breeds-a-to-z/breeds/pastoral/welsh-corgi-cardigan/> for more information on diseases in Cardigans.

