

Buying a Pomeranian/German Spitz 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)
- Eye disease - Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)
- Chiari malformation/syringomyelia (CMSM)
- Luxating patella - Putnam patella test

DNA Tests available

- Vitamin D resistant rickets
- Gallbladder mucoceles
- Hyperuricosuria and Hyperuricemia (HUU)
- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA-rcd3)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.thepomeranianclubuk.weebly.com
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 - abnormal formation of the hip, pain and lameness

Progressive retinal atrophy - gradual loss of sight

Chiari malformation / syringomyelia - brain too big for skull, fluid collects in spinal cord, extreme pain

Luxating patella - abnormal joint in hind leg, pain and lameness

DNA Tests - available

Vitamin D resistant rickets - bone weakness, bow legs, fractures

Gallbladder mucoceles - vomiting, lethargy, pain

Hyperuricosuria and Hyperuricemia - painful bladder stones

Progressive retinal atrophy - gradual loss of sight

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Insufficient closure of fontanel - skull bones fail to fuse, leaving brain unprotected

Black skin disease - loss of fur, blackening of skin

Atlantoaxial subluxation - neck bone disorder, inability to rotate neck

Distal fractures of radius and ulna - fractures of front leg bones, long term pain

Patent ductus arteriosus - heart disease and heart failure

Demodicosis - skin disease caused by demodex mites

Portosystemic shunt - abnormal blood vessel leading to liver disease

Atlantoaxial subluxation - neck bones not in line, pain, head tilt, limb weakness

Hydrocephalus - fluid on the brain

Tracheal collapse - collapse of the wind pipe

Entropion - eyelashes grown inward & scratch lens

