



Buying a Pug Puppy

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

'Stop and think before buying a flat-faced dog'

Brachycephalic (short faced) breeds have serious health problems due to their body and head shape: eye problems due to large protruding eyes; skin folds causing inflammation, infection and soreness, narrow nostrils causing breathing difficulties; excess flesh in throat & narrow windpipe cause breathing & swallowing problems; difficulties coping in hot weather & exercise intolerance.

✓ 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 scheme** (annual testing)
- **Hemivertebrae** - X-ray screening
- **Patella - Putnam patella luxation scheme**
- **BOAS scheme**
- **Breed club 5 star health scheme** (2yrs and above)

DNA Tests available

- Pug dog encephalitis - (PDE)
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD)
- Degenerative myelopathy (DM)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.pughealth.org.uk
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 joint - pain and lameness

Eye disease - many problems due to eye size and shape

Hemivertebrae - spinal deformities, pressure on spinal cord, progressive pain and disability

Patella luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg causing pain and lameness

BOAS (Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome) - a range of serious breathing and other problems due to flat face

Breed 5 star health scheme - awarded to breeders who carry out all the specified health tests

DNA Tests - available

Pug dog encephalitis - inflammatory disease of central nervous system, progressive, fatal

Degenerative myelopathy - hind leg weakness and paralysis

Pyruvate kinase deficiency - red blood cells, anaemia

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Entropion - inward turning eyelashes which scratch the eye surface

Skinfold dermatitis - inflammatory skin condition due to skin folds

Cancer - mast cell tumours and other cancers

Lung lobe torsion - twisting of lung lobe, coughing and lethargy

Legge-calve-perthes disease - failure of blood supply to head of thigh bone - painful arthritis

Dystocia - unable to give birth naturally due to large head of puppies and small pelvis of mum

Corneal ulceration - ulcers on the eye

Demodicosis - skin disease caused by demodex mites

