

Buying a Rhodesian Ridgeback 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)
- Elbow dysplasia (ED)
- Eye disease

DNA Tests available

- Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy (JME)
- Haemophilia B (Factor 1X deficiency)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.rrcgb.co.uk
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief Explanation and other Diseases If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

Health Schemes - testing available

Hip dysplasia (HD)- abnormality of the hip joint, pain and lameness

Elbow dysplasia (ED)- abnormalities of the elbow joint, pain and disability

Eye disease - annual testing of male and female breeding dogs for eye abnormalities

DNA Tests - available

Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy (JME) - neurological

Haemophilia B (Factor 1X deficiency) - blood clotting disorder

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Dermoid sinus - spinal birth defect associated with the ridge, extreme pain

Cancer: Osteosarcoma - bone cancer

Osteochondrosis - abnormal bone cartilage, pain

Gastric dilatation volvulus (GDV) - stomach fills with air and twists, fatal if not treated urgently

Panosteitis - puppy growing pains in leg bones

Onychodystrophy - abnormal claw formation