

Buying a Rottweiler 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 scheme: **Multi-focal retinal dysplasia (MRD)** (litter screening); **Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)** (annual testing); **Entropion**
- **Echocardiography for Heart disease - Aortic stenosis and dilated cardiomyopathy**

DNA Tests available

- Juvenile laryngeal paralysis and Polyneuropathy
- Leukoencephalomyelopathy (LEMP)
- Myotubular myopathy 1
- Neuroaxonal dystrophy (NAD)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.therottweilerclub.co.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 hip - pain & lameness

Elbow dysplasia - abnormalities of elbow joint - pain & lameness

Eye Scheme - Multi-focal retinal dysplasia - loss of sight; **Progressive Retinal atrophy** gradual loss of sight; **Entropion** - inward growing eyelashes

Heart disease - Aortic stenosis - narrowing of aortic valve; **Dilated cardiomyopathy** -

degeneration of heart muscle, fatal.

DNA Tests - available

Juvenile laryngeal paralysis and Polyneuropathy - breathing problems and closure of larynx

Leukoencephalomyelopathy - neurological, weakness and wobbliness

Myotubular myopathy - muscle wastage

Neuroaxonal dystrophy - neurological, weakness, loss of balance

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Bloat/torsion (GDV)- stomach inflates and twists, fatal if not treated

Cancer: Histiocytic; Osteosarcoma and other cancers - blood, bone and other

Cranial cruciate ligament disease (CCL) - rupture of knee ligament

Osteochondrosis - abnormal bone cartilage of ankle joints - pain

Panosteitis - painful inflammation of leg bones

Epilepsy - seizures, neurological

Renal dysplasia - kidney disease

Urolithiasis - formation of stones in bladder

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