

# 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](http://www.therottweilerclub.co.uk)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://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: Osteosarcoma & other cancers** - bone & other cancers

**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

