

Buying a Shar Pei Puppy

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

Serious health and welfare issues due to excessive wrinkling



✓ 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 - various - annual checks needed

DNA Tests available

- Primary open angle glaucoma (POAG)
- Primary lens luxation (PLL)
- Familial Shar Pei fever (SFS/SHS)
- Amaloidosis

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.spcgb.org
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 disability

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

Primary open angle glaucoma (POAG)- painful pressure in eyes, loss of sight

Primary lens luxation (PLL) - displaced lens, painful loss of sight

Familial Shar Pei fever (SFS/SHS) - recurrent fever and inflammation

Amaloidosis - fatal liver or kidney disease

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS) - breathing difficulties due to shortened head

Panosteitis - puppy growing pains in leg bones

Entropion - inward growing eyelashes which scratch the eyes

Skinfold dermatitis - skin infections and inflammation

Otitis - ear inflammation

Immunodeficiency syndrome - recurrent infections, worsening

Hypocobalaminaemia - Vitamin B12 deficiency, lethargy

Patella luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg, knee cap slips out

Renal amaloidosis - progressive kidney disease

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