

# Buying a Shetland Sheepdog 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 - Collie eye anomaly (CEA) (litter screening), Retinal pigment epithelial dystrophy (RPED) (annual testing)

#### DNA Tests available

- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA cnga1)
- Dermatomyositis
- Collie eye anomaly (CEA/CH)
- Von Willebrands disease 3
- Degenerative myelopathy

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)  
[www.essc.org.uk](http://www.essc.org.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 Explanation and other Diseases

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance

### Health Schemes - testing available

**Hip dysplasia** - abnormal formation of hip, pain and lameness

**Elbow dysplasia** - abnormalities of elbow joint, pain and lameness

**Collie eye anomaly** - eye defect which can lead to blindness

**Retinal pigment epithelial dystrophy** - progressive degeneration & neurological symptoms

### DNA Tests - available

**Progressive retinal atrophy** - gradual loss of sight

**Dermatomyositis** - serious autoimmune disease affecting skin

**Von Willebrands disease** - blood clotting disorder

**Degenerative myelopathy** - hind leg weakness/paralysis

### Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

**Microblepharon** - small eyes and eyelids

**Distichiasis** - abnormal eyelid growth, eyelashes scratch the eye

**Cancer**

**Epilepsy**