

Buying a Staffordshire Bull Terrier 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:
 - HC (annual testing)
 - PHPV (litter screening)

DNA Tests available

- Hereditary cataract
- Hydroxyglutaric aciduria
- Degenerative myelopathy

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.thesbtc.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 - abnormal formation of the Hip - pain and lameness

Elbow dysplasia - abnormalities of the Elbow joint - pain and lameness

Eye disease -

- **Hereditary cataract (HC)** - leading to loss of sight
- **Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous (PHPV)** - abnormality of the eye impairing vision

DNA Tests - available

Hereditary cataract - cloudy lense leading to blindness

Hydroxyglutaric aciduria - neurological defects

Degenerative myelopathy - progressive hind limb paralysis

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Demodicosis - skin disease caused by demodex mites

Atopy -skin allergies

Hypocobalaminaemia - vitamin B12 deficiency

Cancer - various

Cranial cruciate ligament rupture - rupture of the knee joint ligament

Canine follicular dysplasia - hair loss

Corneal ulceration - ulcers on eye lens

Dystocia - difficulty giving birth