

# Buying a Weimeraner 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 - Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) (annual testing)

### **DNA Tests available**

- Hyperuricosuria and Hyperuricemia (HUU)
- Spinal dysraphism

**Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)**  
[www.weimaranerclubofgreatbritain.org.uk](http://www.weimaranerclubofgreatbritain.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 (HD)** - abnormal formation of the hip, pain and lameness

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

**Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)** - gradual loss of sight

### DNA Tests - available

**Hyperuricosuria and Hyperuricemia (HUU)** - urinary stones, painful

**Spinal dysraphism** - spinal canal abnormalities, weakness and lack of co-ordination in back legs

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

**Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)** - serious heart disease

**Gastric dilation volvulus (GDV)** - stomach fills with air and twists, agonising, fatal if not treated

**Epilepsy** - seizures

**Intersexuality** - both sets of organs present

**Cancer: Mast cell tumours**

**Steroid responsive meningitis** - inflammation and severe pain in neck and spine

**Entropion/Ectropion** - inward turning or outward turning of eyelashes

**Metaphyseal osteopathy** - bone pain in young dogs

**Anaesthetic complications**