

Buying a Welsh Springer Spaniel 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**
- **Eye scheme: Glaucoma (PCAG)** (annual testing); **Hereditary Cataract (HC)** (annual testing)

DNA Tests available

- None relevant

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.welshspringerspaniel.club
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 the hip joint - pain & lameness

Eye scheme - **Glaucoma (PCAG)** - leads to blindness

Hereditary cataract (HC) - leads to blindness

DNA Tests - available

None relevant

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Epilepsy - neurological - seizures

Immune - mediated haemolytic anaemia (IMHA) - lack of red blood cells, can be severe & fatal, malaise, pain & distress

Addisons disease (hypoadrenocorticism) - hormonal disease which can be fatal

Panosteitis - painful inflammation of the leg bones

Cancer - anal sac carcinoma

Urolithiasis - bladder stones