

# Buying a Whippet 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)
- Eye scheme - Hereditary cataract (HC); Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA); Primary lens luxation (PLL) (annual testing)
- Heart disease - breed club heart testing scheme (Echocardiogram)

#### **DNA Tests available**

- Multidrug resistance 1 (MDR1)
- Glycogen storage disease V11 (GSDV11)
- Muscular hypertrophy

**Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)**  
[www.whippetbreedcouncil.com/breed-clubs](http://www.whippetbreedcouncil.com/breed-clubs)  
[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

**Hereditary cataract (HC)** - cloudy lens leading to blindness

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

**Primary lens luxation (PLL)** - eye disease, painful dislocation of the lens

**Heart disease** - Mitral valve disease

### DNA Tests - available

**Multidrug resistance 1 (MDR1)** - adverse reaction to some drug treatments

**Glycogen storage disease V11 (GSDV11)** - liver disease

**Muscular hypertrophy** - abnormally large muscles

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

**Various immune mediated diseases**- which attack different body systems

**Eccentrocytosis** - similar to anaemia

**Phosphofruktokinase deficiency (PDK)** - blood disorder

**Cancer** - canine cutaneous histiocytoma; Haemangiosarcoma; Lymphoma

**Hydroxylglutaric Aciduria (L-2-HGA)** - effects central nervous system

**Hyperuricosuria (HUU)** - painful bladder stones

**Factor VII deficiency** - blood clotting disorder