

Buying a Yorkshire Terrier Puppy

What to expect from a Breeder who puts Health, Welfare and Temperament First



Avoid 'extreme' small size

✓ 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

- Chiari malformation/syringomyelia (CMSM)
- Patella - Putnam patella luxation scheme

DNA Tests available

- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA prcd)
- Primary lens luxation (PLL)
- Hyperuricosuria (HUU)
- L-2-Hydroxyglutaric aciduria

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
(no breed club website)
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

Chiari malformation / syringomyelia (CMSM) - mismatch in size of brain & skull - neurological - can be extremely painful and debilitating

Patella luxation - abnormal joint in hind leg causing pain and lameness

DNA Tests - available

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA prcd) - loss of sight leading to blindness

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

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) - painful bladder stones

L-2-Hydroxyglutaric aciduria - neurological defects

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Legge-calve-perthes disease - failure of blood supply to thigh bone - pain & disability

Diabetes mellitus - hormone disorder - dehydration, nausea, vomiting

Distichiasis - abnormal eyelash growth - eyelashes scratch eyeball - painful

Cranial cruciate ligament disease (CCL) - rupture of knee ligament

Portosystemic shunt - abnormal blood circulation - liver damage - chronic illness

Tracheal collapse - progressive disease of breathing tube - can be fatal

Teeth problems - due to extremely small mouth

Fragile bones leading to fractures