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Application for Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Database

* Please type or print legibly. To ensure accuracy please enclose copy of the dog's registration papers

previous application number (if any) _____

registration number AKC CKC Other _____

registered name _____

sex _____ Color _____

breed _____

date of birth (month-day-year) _____

ID number (if any)* Tattoo Microchip

registration number of sire _____ registration number of dam _____

* The OFA has adopted a policy, effective January 1, 2001, acknowledging animals that have been submitted for inclusion based on that have permanent identification in the form of microchip or tattoo. Animals not permanently identified will continue to be evaluated; however, they will be issued a number only if the animal has no permanent identification.

owner name _____

date radiograph taken (month-day-year) _____ film no. _____

co-owner name _____

veterinarian's name or veterinary hospital _____

mailing address _____

mailing address _____

city _____ state/province _____ zip/postal code _____

city _____ state/province _____ zip/postal code _____

phone _____ email _____

phone _____ email _____

I hereby certify that the radiograph submitted is of the animal described on this application and that the pelvic conformation has not been surgically altered. I am aware that the radiographic image will be retained for the records of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. I understand the consensus evaluation is based on the independent, professional judgment of consulting radiologists, and I hereby release the OFA from any and all liability resulting from the consensus evaluation. I understand that only normal results will be released to the public unless the initials of a registered owner appear in the authorization box below which permits the OFA to release abnormal results to the public.

Signature of owner or authorized representative _____

Authorization to Release Abnormal Results

I hereby authorize the OFA to release the results of its radiographic evaluation of the animal described on this application to the public if the results are abnormal _____ (initials of registered owner).

OFA Database

The dysplasia control database of the OFA is a voluntary program established to evaluate radiographs and to identify films showing no radiographic evidence of dysplasia or other orthopedic problems. All films submitted that are of acceptable diagnostic quality will be reviewed by qualified veterinary radiologists and a consensus report will be returned to the owner of record and referring veterinarian. Only animals that are 24 months of age or older to the day at the time of radiography, with no radiographic evidence of dysplasia, will be assigned a breed OFA number. The OFA does offer a consultation service for those under 24 months of age.

Fees

- Animals Over 24 Months**
- Hip dysplasia database..... \$30.00
 - Elbow dysplasia database..... \$25.00
 - Elbows plus hips (together)..... \$35.00
 - Litter of 3 or more submitted together..... \$75.00
- Kennel Rate** —Individuals submitted as a group, owned/co-owned by same person.
- Minimum of 5 individuals..... \$15.00 per study
- Animals Under 24 Months**
- Preliminary hip evaluation..... \$25.00
 - Preliminary elbow evaluation..... \$25.00
 - Elbows plus hips (together)..... \$30.00
 - Litter of 3 or more submitted together..... \$45.00
- Consultation**
- Other radiographic studies..... \$25.00

Veterinary Information

This animal was restrained using:

1. Physical Restraint only _____
2. Chemical Restraint
 - Anesthesia _____ type _____
 - Tranquilizer _____ type _____
 - Other _____ type _____

Veterinarian's signature _____

Instructions

Radiographs should be permanently identified in the film emulsion with:

1. Registered name and/or number
2. Name of veterinarian or hospital making the film
3. Date of radiograph taken

- Pelvic evaluation are based on the standard VD view with good pelvic definition, pelvis not tilted and femurs extended and parallel
- Elbow evaluations are based on the standard flexed medial to lateral view



Instructions for Taking Films for OFA Dysplasia Evaluations

Age Requirement

Only dogs that are 24 months of age, to the day, or older at the time of radiography can qualify for an OFA hip number. In general hip joint status of younger dogs will be evaluated but only a consultation report will be issued. For toy and small breeds interested in the Legg-Calve-Perthes Database the animal has to be 12 months of age or older. The dog's registration certificate or copy of this information should be available at the time of radiography.

Restraint

Obtaining proper film position often requires chemical restraint. The OFA recommends chemical restraint to the point of muscular relaxation. The type of agent used—sedative, tranquilizer, or general anesthesia—is best determined by the attending veterinarian.

Positioning

Dorsal recumbency with the rear legs extended and parallel to each other is the preferred positioning. This standard ventrodorsal view is the basis for evaluation of hip joint status with respect to hip dysplasia. Care should be exercised to be sure the pelvis is not tilted. Elbow joints are evaluated in the fully flexed medial to lateral position.

Film Size

For large and giant breeds of dogs, 14" x 17" film size is recommended. Smaller film sizes can be used for smaller breeds if the area between the sacrum and the stifles can be included.

Film Identification

Permanent film identification in the film emulsion is required for radiographs to be eligible for OFA evaluation. Lead letters, an I.D. camera, or radio opaque tapes can be used to identify film

(a) with the hospital or Veterinarian's name, date taken, registered name and/or registration number or

(b) with the veterinarian's hospital identification number or case number.

- In this latter case (b), the radiograph must be accompanied by a signed note from the veterinarian referring to such film by its said identification number and stating the information with respect hereto required in (a) above.

If the above required information is illegible or missing, the OFA cannot accept the film for evaluation purposes. The radiographs should be labeled right or left side for hip studies and right or left elbow for elbow studies.

Exposure

Good contrast is desirable (high mAs, low kVp). Grid techniques are recommended for all large dogs.

Radiation Safety

Proper collimation and protection of attendants is the responsibility of the veterinarian. Gonadal shielding is recommended for male dogs.

Hormonal Effect

Some female dogs show subluxation when radiographed around an estrus cycle which is not apparent when re-radiographed in anestrus. The OFA recommends radiographing 3-4 weeks before or after a heat period or 3-5 weeks after weaning a litter of pups.

Application for OFA Film Evaluation

The owner or agent must complete and sign the OFA application form. This information is best obtained directly from the dog's certificate of registration and it is recommended that a copy of the registration be included with the submission. Application forms are available on request from the OFA and from the OFA website at www.offa.org. The radiograph, signed form, and service fee should be mailed together to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals at the address on the front of this form.