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# Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

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## Application for Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Database

Previous application number (if any):			Registration number: <input type="checkbox"/> AKC <input type="checkbox"/> CKC			Other registry name:		
						Other registry #:		
Registered name:			Sex:			Color:		
Breed:			Date of Birth (month-day-year):					
ID Number (if any): <input type="checkbox"/> Tattoo <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip			Registration number of sire:			Registration number of dam:		
Owner name:			Date radiograph taken (month-day-year):			Film no.:		
Co-Owner name:			Examining veterinarian's name or veterinary hospital:					
Mailing address:			Mailing Address:					
City:		State:	Zip/postal code:		City:		State:	Zip/postal code:
Phone:		E-mail:		Phone:		E-mail:		

I hereby certify that the radiograph submitted is of the animal described on this application and that neither the pelvic nor the elbow conformation have been surgically altered. I understand that the radiograph and/or image submitted will be retained by the OFA. I understand that the radiograph and/or image is submitted for a consensus evaluation based on the independent, professional judgment of consulting board-certified veterinary radiologists, and I hereby release the OFA from any and all liability resulting from the consensus evaluation. I understand the OFA will release normal hip and/or elbow results for dogs over 24 months to the public, and by submitting this application I agree the OFA may do so. Abnormal hip and/or elbow results will not be released to the public unless the initials of a registered owner appear in the authorization box below. Normal hip results are defined as consensus evaluations of Excellent, Good, or Fair. Abnormal hip results are defined as consensus evaluations of Mild, Moderate, or Severe. For the purpose of determining whether or not the results will be released to the public, consensus hip evaluations of Borderline are considered abnormal. Normal elbow results are defined as a consensus evaluation of Normal. All other elbow consensus evaluations are considered abnormal.

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).

### Veterinary Information

This animal was restrained using:  Physical Restraint Only  Chemical Restraint  
 Anesthesia (type: \_\_\_\_\_)  Tranquilizer (type: \_\_\_\_\_)  Other (type: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 I DID verify the tattoo/microchip information on this dog  I DID NOT verify the tattoo/microchip information on this dog  
*Only dogs with Verified Permanent Identification (VPI) will have their results transmitted to the AKC for inclusion in their registration and pedigree documents*

### Veterinarian Signature

### Fees

#### Animals Over 24 Months

- Hip dysplasia database only .....\$35.00
- Hips plus elbows (together) .....\$40.00
- Elbow dysplasia database only .....\$35.00
- Litter of 3 or more submitted together .....\$90.00

**Kennel Rate**—Individuals submitted as a group, owned/co-owned by same person.

- Minimum of 5 individuals .....\$15 per study

#### Animals Under 24 Months

- Preliminary hip evaluation .....\$30.00
- Preliminary elbow evaluation .....\$30.00
- Preliminary hips plus elbows (together) .....\$35.00
- Litter of 3 or more submitted together .....\$60.00

(see page 2 for information regarding release of prelim results)

#### Consultation

- Other radiographic studies .....\$30.00

## See instructions on page 2

Payments can be made by check, money order (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank), cash, Visa, or Mastercard, payable to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

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 Visa/Master Card Number

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 Name on Card

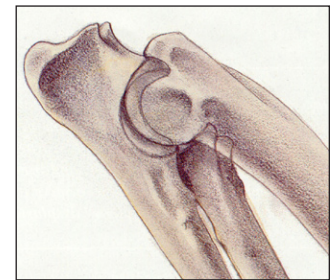
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# Instructions for Taking Films for OFA Dysplasia Evaluations

## 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 evaluations 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



## 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.

## 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.

## OFA Policy Regarding Release Of Preliminary Results (Animals Under 24 Months)

In an effort to encourage open sharing of health test results, the OFA will post preliminary results if:

- The animal is at least 12 months at the time of radiography
- The animal must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo
- The owner initials the authorization block to release all results (including abnormal results) when the application is initially submitted

## 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 unique 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 unique case number and stating the information previously 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](http://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.