



THE KENNEL CLUB

ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

BREED-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING HEALTH SCREENING

IMPORTANT POINTS

This list is subject to change and a link to the most up-to-date version may be found on the Kennel Club website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/accreditedbreederscheme

At this stage, requirements have been restricted to tests where an official Kennel Club scheme is in operation. This is essential for automated checks performed at the time of litter registration on both sire and dam. Recommendations, however, may not be related to official schemes. There will be no formal checks on breeder compliance with recommendations although breeders will be encouraged to follow recommendations for their breed and we will ask them to send copies of screening results that are unavailable on our registration database. An important result of setting out health screening recommendations will be to raise the profile of existing breed club schemes.

Any breed that does not appear in the list currently has no health screening requirements or recommendations under the Kennel Club Accredited Breeder Scheme.

KEY TO OFFICIAL HEALTH SCREENING SCHEMES, DNA TESTS, BREED CLUB AND OTHER SCHEMES

- a) Hip scoring – should be done under the KC/BVA Hip Dysplasia Scheme.
- b) Elbow grading - should be done under the KC/BVA Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.
- c) Eye testing – should be done under the KC/BVA/ISDS Eye Scheme or the KC/AHT Scheme or the ECVO Scheme. (Eye examinations should be repeated annually and should be within 18 months of the date of registration of a litter). Gonioscopy is a separate eye test (for predisposition to glaucoma) and, where relevant, this test is only done once.
- d) DNA tests – there are various official DNA testing schemes depending on the condition concerned. The conditions that are currently included are: CEA (collie eye anomaly); CLAD (canine leucocyte adhesion deficiency); CSNB (congenital stationary night blindness); CT (copper toxicosis); Fuco (fucosidosis); PRA (progressive retinal atrophy); L2-HGA (L2-hydroxyglutaric aciduria); vWD (von Willebrand disease).
- e) BAER testing (deafness) – BAER stands for brainstem auditory evoked response. There are a number of centres in the UK that offer BAER testing.
- f) Breed Club Schemes – Wherever a 'Breed Club' test is recommended, this is because a breed club or clubs for that breed have asked for the relevant health check to be included under the Accredited Breeder Scheme. Queries should be directed to the breed club(s) or Council concerned. Current contact details for all breed club secretaries are listed on the Kennel Club website www.thekennelclub.org.uk

**Further information can be obtained from the Kennel Club Health & Information Department
email info@thekennelclub.org.uk or call 0844 4633 980.**

Breed	Requirements for Health Screening of Breeding Stock last updated July 2010:	Recommendations for Breeding Stock last updated July 2010:
	Sire and dam of any litter registered by an Accredited Breeder should have been screened as specified below.	No automated checks can be made to ensure that Accredited Breeders are following recommendations, but all Accredited Breeders are strongly encouraged to do so. Copies of relevant certificates may be held on file at the Kennel Club.
	Refer to the KEY on the front page regarding the official health screening schemes, DNA tests, breed club and other schemes.	
Affenpinscher	None	Patella testing under breed club scheme
Airedale Terrier	Hip scoring	None
Akita	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Alaskan Malamute*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) Bitches not to be mated before third season 2) Bitches under 2 years of age not to produce a litter 3) Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	Hip scoring	None
Australian Cattle Dog	DNA test - prcd-PRA	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading 3) Eye testing 4) BAER testing (deafness)
Australian Shepherd*	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - HC-HSF4	1) Elbow grading 2) Eye testing 3) DNA test - CEA/CH 3) DNA test - MDR1 4) DNA test - prcd-PRA 5) DNA test Cobalamin Malabsorption 6) Blood test for Pelger-Huet Anomaly
Basenji	None	Eye testing
Basset Hound	Eye testing - gonioscopy only	Elbow grading
Bavarian Mountain Hound (Imp)*	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Breed club aptitude test 3) Bitches under 2 years of age not to produce a litter.
Bearded Collie	Hip scoring	None
Bedlington Terrier*	Eye testing (once)	DNA test - CT
Belgian Shepherd Dog	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Bernese Mountain Dog	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading	Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age
Border Collie	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - CEA
Boston Terrier	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test - HC-HSF4	None
Boxer	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Breed club - heart testing (aortic stenosis)
Bracco Italiano	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading 3) Eye testing
Briard	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - CSNB	Eye testing
Brittany	Hip scoring	None
Bull Terrier (Miniature)*	1) DNA test - PLL	1) Breed club - heart testing 2) Breed club - kidney testing 3) Eye testing
Bull Terriers	None	1) BAER testing 2) Breed club - heart testing 3) Breed club kidney testing
Bulldog	None	Breed council - health certificate for breeding stock
Bullmastiff	None	Hip scoring
Cairn Terrier	None	Eye testing
Canaan Dog	None	1) Eye testing 2) Hip scoring 3) Breed club scheme - slipping patellas 4) Check for cryptorchidism
Catalan Sheepdog	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Eye testing	1) Breed club - heart testing (mitral valve dysplasia) 2) Breed club - advice re Syringomyelia
Cesky Terrier	None	Eye testing
Chow Chow	None	Hip scoring
Collie (Rough)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - CEA
Collie (Smooth)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - CEA
Dachshund (Miniature Long-haired)	DNA test - GPRA (cord 1)	None
Dachshund (Miniature Smooth-haired)*	DNA test - GPRA (cord 1)	None
Dachshund (Miniature Wire-haired)*	None	DNA test - Lafora's disease
Dalmatian	None	1) Hip scoring 2) BAER testing (deafness)
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	None	Eye testing
Deerhound	None	Litters to be screened for liver shunt prior to being sold
Dobermann	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - vWD	Eye testing
Dogue de Bordeaux	Hip scoring	None
English Setter	Hip scoring	None
English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	None	1) Breed club - patella luxation 2) BAER testing (deafness)
Estrela Mountain Dog	Hip scoring	None
Finnish Lapphund	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - prcd-PRA
German Shepherd Dog (Alsatian)	Hip scoring	1) Elbow grading 2) Eye testing 3) Breed club - haemophilat testing for males
German Shorthaired Pointer	Hip scoring	1) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age 2) Bitches not to produce more than four litters in their lifetime
German Spitz (Klein)*	None	Eye testing
German Spitz (Mittel)*	None	Eye testing
German Wirehaired Pointer	Hip scoring	None
Giant Schnauzer	Eye testing	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing (litter screening)
Glen of Imaal Terrier	Eye testing	None
Gordon Setter	Hip scoring	None

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Great Dane*	Hip scoring	1) Breed club - heart testing (cardiomyopathy) 2) Bitches under 2 years of age not to produce a litter
Hovawart	Hip scoring	Breed club - thyroid function test
Hungarian Puli	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Hungarian Vizsla	Hip scoring	1) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age 2) Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period
Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla	Hip scoring	None
Irish Red & White Setter	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test - CLAD 3) DNA test - VWD	Hip scoring
Irish Setter	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - CLAD 3) DNA test - GPRA rcd-1	Eye testing
Irish Wolfhound	None	1) Eye testing 2) Breed club - liver shunt testing 3) Breed club - heart testing
Italian Spinone*	Hip scoring	1) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age 2) DNA (linkage) test - Cerebellar Ataxia
Japanese Shiba Inu	Eye testing - gonioscopy only	None
Keeshond	None	Seek breed club advice re PHPT DNA test.
Lancashire Heeler	Eye testing	1) DNA test - CEA 2) DNA test - PLL
Large Munsterlander	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Leonberger	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) Elbow grading 2) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age
Lhasa Apso	Eye testing	None
Maremma Sheepdog	Hip scoring	None
Mastiff	Hip scoring	Elbow grading
Miniature Schnauzer	Eye testing	None
Newfoundland*	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - cystinuria	1) Elbow grading 2) Breed club - heart testing 3) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age
Norwegian Buhund	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Norwegian Elkhound*	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - prcd-PRA	1) Breed Club - Kidney test 2) Eye testing
Old English Sheepdog	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Otterhound	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading	Breed Club - advice on epilepsy/fitting
Papillon	None	1) Eye testing 2) Breed club - slipping patella
Parson Russell Terrier*	None	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test - PLL
Pharaoh Hound	None	Breed club - slipping patella
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Poodle (Miniature)	Eye testing	DNA test - prcd-PRA
Poodle (Standard)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	Breed club - sebaceous adenitis testing
Poodle (Toy)	Eye testing	DNA test - prcd-PRA
Pyrenean Mastiff	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing
Pyrenean Mountain Dog	Hip scoring	None
Pyrenean Sheepdog	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Breed club - heart testing (puppies) for patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - prcd-PRA
Retriever (Curly Coated)	Hip scoring	None
Retriever (Flat Coated)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - gonioscopy only	1) Eye testing 2) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age 3) Bitches not to produce more than three litters in their lifetime 4) Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period
Retriever (Golden)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	Elbow grading
Retriever (Labrador)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) Elbow grading 2) DNA test - prcd-PRA
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - prcd-PRA 3) DNA test - CEA	Eye testing
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Hip scoring	Breed club - dermoid sinus check (puppies)
Rottweiler*	Hip scoring	1) Eye testing 2) Elbow grading 3) Bitches under 2 years of age not to produce a litter 4) Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period
Russian Black Terrier	None	1) Breeders should issue grooming advice 2) Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age
Samoyed	Hip scoring	1) Eye testing 2) Breeders should issue grooming advice
Sealyham Terrier*	1) DNA test - PLL	1) Eye testing
Shetland Sheepdog	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - CEA
Siberian Husky	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - including gonioscopy	Breed club - eye testing
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Breed club - kidney function test 3) Eye testing
Spaniel (American Cocker)	1) Eye testing - including gonioscopy	DNA test - prcd-PRA
Spaniel (Clumber)	Hip scoring	DNA test - PDP1
Spaniel (Cocker)*	1) Eye testing - including gonioscopy 2) DNA test - prcd-PRA 3) DNA test - FN	Hip scoring
Spaniel (English Springer)	Eye testing	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test - fuco 3) Eye testing - gonioscopy only
Spaniel (Field)*	Hip scoring	1) Heart testing 2) Eye testing 3) Bitches under 2 years of age not to produce a litter 4) Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period

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Spaniel (Irish Water)	Hip scoring	None
Spaniel (Sussex)	None	Hip scoring
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - gonioscopy only	Eye testing
Spanish Water Dog*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - gonioscopy only	DNA test - prcd-PRA
St Bernard	Hip scoring	Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test - HC-HSF4 3) DNA test L2-HGA	None
Swedish Vallhund	Hip scoring	None
Tibetan Mastiff	Hip scoring	None
Tibetan Spaniel	Eye testing	None
Tibetan Terrier*	1) Eye testing 2) Hip scoring 3) DNA test - PLL	None
Weimaraner	Hip scoring	None
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)	DNA test - GPRA rcd-3	Eye testing

* Breeds marked with an asterisk are new additions to this list or have had a recent change to their Requirements or Recommendations. Accredited Breeders may have a period of grace before compliance with new Requirements is mandatory.



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