



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 <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/474>**

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 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); Fucu (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](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

Further information can be obtained from the Kennel Club Health & Information Department  
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Breed	Requirements for Health Screening of Breeding Stock last updated December 2007:	Recommendations for Breeding Stock last updated December 2007:
	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.	
Airedale Terrier	Hip scoring	None
Akita	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Alaskan Malamute	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	Hip scoring	None
Australian Cattle Dog	Eye testing	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading 3) DNA test – PRA 4) BAER testing (deafness)
Australian Shepherd*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Basenji*	None	Eye testing
Basset Hound	Eye testing - gonioscopy only	Elbow grading
Bearded Collie	Hip scoring	None
Bedlington Terrier	Eye testing	DNA test - CT
Belgian Shepherd Dog	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Bernese Mountain Dog	1) Hip scoring 2) Elbow grading	None
Border Collie	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	DNA test - CEA
Boston Terrier*	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test – JHC	None
Boxer	None	1) Hip scoring 2) Breed club - heart testing (aortic stenosis)
Briard	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test – CSNB	Eye testing
Brittany	Hip scoring	None
Bull Terrier (Miniature)	Eye testing	None
Bull Terriers*	None	1) BAER testing 2) Breed club - heart testing 3) 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 schemes - slipping patellas 4) Check for cryptorchidism
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Eye testing	Breed club - heart testing (mitral valve dysplasia)
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 - PRA	None
Dalmatian	None	1) Hip scoring 2) BAER testing (deafness)
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	Eye testing	None
German Shepherd Dog (Alsatian)	Hip scoring	1) Elbow grading 2) Eye testing 3) Breed club - haemophilia testing for males
German Shorthaired Pointer	Hip scoring	None
German Wirehaired Pointer	Hip scoring	None
Giant Schnauzer	Eye testing	Hip scoring
Glen of Imaal Terrier	Eye testing	None
Gordon Setter	Hip scoring	None
Great Dane	Hip scoring	Breed club - heart testing (cardiomyopathy)
Hovawart	Hip scoring	Breed club - thyroid function test
Hungarian Puli	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Hungarian 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 – PRA	Eye testing
Irish Wolfhound	Eye testing	1) Elbow grading 2) Breed club - liver shunt testing
Italian Spinone	Hip scoring	None
Japanese Shiba Inu*	Eye testing - gonioscopy only	None
Lancashire Heeler	Eye testing	DNA test – CEA
Large Munsterlander	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Leonberger*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) Elbow grading 2) Breed Club - breeding age restrictions
Lhasa Apso	Eye testing	None

Breed	Requirements	Recommendations
Maremma Sheepdog	Hip scoring	None
Mastiff	Hip scoring	Elbow grading
Miniature Schnauzer	Eye testing	None
Newfoundland	Hip scoring	1) Elbow grading 2) Breed club - heart testing 3) DNA test - cystinuria
Norwegian Buhund	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
Norwegian Elkhound	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	None
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	Eye testing
Pharaoh Hound	None	Breed club - slipping patella
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Hip scoring	Eye testing
Poodle (Miniature)	Eye testing	DNA test – PRA
Poodle (Standard)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	Breed club - sebaceous adenitis testing
Poodle (Toy)	Eye testing	DNA test - 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 – PRA
Retriever (Curly Coated)	Hip scoring	None
Retriever (Flat Coated)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - gonioscopy only	Eye testing
Retriever (Golden)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	Elbow grading
Retriever (Labrador)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) Elbow grading 2) DNA test - PRA
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing	1) DNA tests - PRA; CEA
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Hip scoring	Breed club - dermoid sinus check (puppies)
Rottweiler	Hip scoring	1) Eye testing 2) Elbow grading
Russian Black Terrier	None	Breeders should issue grooming advice
Samoyed	Hip scoring	1) Eye testing 2) Breeders should issue grooming advice
Sealyham Terrier	Eye testing	None
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 scheme
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 PRA
Spaniel (Clumber)	Hip scoring	None
Spaniel (Cocker)	1) Eye testing - including gonioscopy	1) DNA test – PRA 2) Hip scoring
Spaniel (English Springer)*	Eye testing	1) Hip scoring 2) DNA test – fuco
Spaniel (Field)	Hip scoring	None
Spaniel (Irish Water)	Hip scoring	None
Spaniel (Sussex)	None	Hip scoring
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing – including gonioscopy	None
Spanish Water Dog*	1) Hip scoring 2) Eye testing - gonioscopy only	None
St Bernard	Hip scoring	None
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1) Eye testing 2) DNA test - HC 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	None
Weimaraner	Hip scoring	None
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)	DNA test – PRA	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.