

Health Testing Before Breeding

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Client Information handout

Although a health breeding exam is required by our clinic prior to breeding, as well as a consultation, it is our recommendation that your animal is health tested before planning to breed. This should be done by both a diplomate veterinarian appropriate for your breed concerns, and genetically as recommended by your breed club set forth by both American Kennel Club (AKC) and Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and/or any other affiliated organization qualified as a specialist for your breed. Knowing and understanding the breed health risks before breeding is the responsibility of the breeder. Various health conditions and diseases can affect a dog during a pregnancy or afterwards that can be life threatening to both or either the bitch or the puppies. They can also be costly, and devastating to your breeding program. It is the responsibility of the breeder to produce puppies with the health quality and breed standard characteristics, set by the breed club. Our clinic would be happy to assist you and guide you to understand if you request any information about health testing and some of the risks of breeding in further detail than we already have.

Cardiologist: Mid-Michigan Veterinary Cardiology Dr. Christian Weder 517-708-2538

Orthopedist: Animal Surgical Center of Michigan 810-671-0088

Ophthalmologist: Blue Pearl Dr. Susette Aquino 248-354-6640

Neurologist: Dogwood Veterinary Referral Center 248-516-1122

Animal Genetics: animalgenetics.com 850-386-1145

Embark Dog DNA Testing: embarkvet.com

AKC American Kennel Club: akc.org

OFA Orthopedic Foundation for Animals: ofa.org