



**DK HIP CERTIFICATION  
January 2020**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION **MUST BE** MARKED ON THE RADIOGRAPH (easily typed in, with digital radiology equipment).

Registered Name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

ZB. Nr: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (day.month.year): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of x-ray (day.month.year): \_\_\_\_\_

other *desirable information to include*: owner's name; clinic name & logo

**CONCERNING THE RADIOGRAPH PROCEDURE:**

1. **If your dog is in heat**, consider delaying the radiographic procedure. During the estrus (heat) cycle, pelvic ligaments may be somewhat relaxed, which could possibly result in a diagnosis of hip dysplasia in a dog which is actually normal. (this has happened recently, and radiographs were re-submitted at a later date and the dog was found to be HD-free)
2. **EXPECT** your dog to be sedated. You cannot obtain quality radiographs without sedation. There are reversible sedatives available, and the dog can walk out of the clinic 15 minutes after the procedure is completed.
3. **Before you present your dog for the procedure**, take him out for a walk, so he can empty his bowels before the radiographs are taken. A better radiograph will be the result.
4. Print this form out, fill in the required information yourself, and present it to your veterinarian, so that there will be no question as to the requirements for the radiograph, and so that the dates will be entered in the proper (European) fashion.
5. **Review the radiograph with your veterinarian** before you leave (hopefully, before the sedation is reversed), to ensure that everything is as it should be. An example of a correct hip radiograph is included below.

**SUBMISSION OF HD PACKET:**

**Most Efficient Method: PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME A CD OF THE RADIOGRAPHS, AS I NO LONGER HAVE A CD READER ON MY COMPUTER.** Email me a jpeg of the radiograph, a jpeg of the Ahnentafel (both sides), and submit payment via PayPal. As soon as I have the images and confirmation of payment, I will send the data to Germany, as jpeg images of the data. This will ensure the fastest turnaround time. If you prefer to pay by check, send me the check, made out to DKGNA, for \$50 per dog.

**I will need the original Ahnentafel**, for signing when I get the results back from Germany. If you need to keep the original for an upcoming test, send me the jpegs and I can still get the hip evaluation underway.

Submit the original Ahnentafel to me at the address below. Please include your address, phone number, and email address, so that I can contact you if necessary. I advise using Priority Mail, so you can track the shipment.

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## CORRECT RADIOGRAPH

- A. Includes entire pelvis and stifles (knees)
- B. Note that femurs (thigh bones, B) are parallel, and that patellae (kneecaps, b) are centered over the joint, indicating correct positioning of the dog.
- C. Note that openings (one large, two small, C) in the pelvis are symmetrical in shape, indicating correct rotational placement of the dog.
- D. Note that right and left markers are placed in the radiograph, for reference.
- E. Note that the identification information (example below) is permanently placed on the radiograph. With digital radiology used by almost all vets today, it is easy to type in the required information on the image.

