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The following is excerpted from our Code of Ethics, which has been approved by the Board of Directors and the membership of the AWSC.

Both dogs and bitches to be bred should have the following tests:

1. Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (“OFA”) Certified hip x-rays free of hip dysplasia,
2. Been examined and cleared by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist and received their OFA certification at one to two years of age and within one year prior to breeding. After the age of 8 years, neither dog nor bitch needs to be examined, and
3. Been examined, preferably by a Veterinary Cardiologist or OFA certified veterinarian, at age one year or after and be free of heart defects.

Other Health Considerations that the AWSC believes are important to consumers shopping for an AWS are that each dog and bitch to be bred should:

1. Be at least 2 years of age,
2. Be physically and structurally sound,
3. Be free from any serious inherited defects, including, but not limited to, serious allergies and thyroid problems, immune system problems, or coat problems, and
4. Possess stable, tractable, and trainable temperaments.

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