



Belgian Malinois Health Statement

The Belgian Malinois is a “strong, agile and well-muscled animal, alert and full of life” This quote from the American Belgian Malinois Club (ABMC) breed standard describes an active healthy dog breed, but all breeds have some health concerns that prospective owners need to be aware of. Responsible Belgian Malinois breeders are doing their best to prevent problems by utilizing available testing and selective breeding. The ABMC requires the following tests: 1) Hip dysplasia – OFA evaluation 2) Elbow dysplasia – OFA evaluation 3) Eye Examination by a boarded ophthalmologist and results registered with CERF or OFA. Hip and Elbow dysplasia are structural joint conditions with a proven genetic association. Eye examination would reveal potential genetic eye problems such as cataracts and PRA.

The ABMC also suggests that your discussion with a potential breeder include epilepsy, cancer (hemangiosarcoma) , thyroid and cardiac history, and temperament. You are establishing a life-long commitment to your new Belgian Malinois; a responsible, open and caring breeder is essential to make it a successful experience. The American Belgian Malinois Club Board of Directors has approved this health statement and encourages you to continue your Malinois research on the club website –

www.malinoisclub.com.