



Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America

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Health Statement

The Bergamasco Sheepdog club of America strongly recommends that all U.S. breeding dogs have screening tests performed to determine their status in regard to the following potentially inherited conditions: hip dysplasia and elbow dysplasia.

Hips- Report from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHIP at 24 months of age or older.

Elbows- Report from OFA at 24 months of age or older.

The results of these screening tests will be recorded online in a professionally managed database such as the OFA database (<http://www.offa.org/>) and/ or the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) (<http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>). For imported semen AKC DNA will be obtained and examinations of the hips and elbows should be conducted as for U.S. dogs or according to guidelines from the parent Bergamasco Sheepdog club of that country. Documentation of these examinations will be available for inspection.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America.

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