While the Boerboel is considered to be a generally healthy and robust dog, having been bred for farm and guardian work, it is nonetheless susceptible to some of the same problems as other large breeds. For this reason, and to preserve the health of future generations of this versatile working mastiff-type dog, the American Boerboel Club, which is the AKC parent club of the breed in the United States strongly, recommends all breeders perform the following diagnostic tests on any animal they intend to use as breeding stock.

**Hips** should be evaluated radiographically by a certified specialist
OFA: animal greater than 2 years of age
PENN Hip: animal greater than 12 months of age
Veterinary controlled registry if imported from foreign county

**Elbows** should be evaluated radiographically by a certified specialist
OFA: animal greater than 2 years of age
Veterinary controlled registry if imported from foreign county

**Cardiac** function should be evaluated by a certified specialist
OFA: animal greater than 12 months of age
Veterinary controlled registry if imported from foreign county

The American Boerboel Club also recommends breeding animals be tested for sexually transmitted diseases prior to breeding, as well as testing for reproductive function to ensure a successful breeding, pregnancy, and parturition.