

## **Recommended health testing for Curly-Coated Retrievers.**

Curlies used in breeding programs should be free of hip dysplasia, congenital heart disease and inherited eye diseases.

In addition, at least one parent should be clear of the three diseases for which there are DNA tests in curlies (GSD IIIa, EIC and cord-1 PRA). The sire and dam may be determined to be clear of these diseases if both of their parents or all of their grandparents were tested and shown to be free of the conditions.

Elbow dysplasia is uncommon in curlies and testing is currently optional.

### Recommended health testing:

- Hip dysplasia - OFA or PennHip evaluation and inclusion in the OFA +/-or PennHip database
- Congenital cardiac disease - evaluation by a board certified cardiologist and inclusion in the OFA cardiac database
- Eye examination by a board certified ophthalmologist and results included in the OFA or CERF database

### At least one parent (preferably both) should be free of the following diseases:

- Glycogen Storage Disease IIIa
- Exercise Induced Collapse
- Cone-Rod Dystrophy 1 - Progressive Retinal Atrophy (cord1 - PRA)  
(Optional, very late onset disease)

### Optional health testing:

- Elbow dysplasia - OFA evaluation and inclusion in the OFA database

Unfortunately, there are significant diseases in curlies including epilepsy, craniomandibular osteopathy and immune mediated diseases for which we have no tests. Prospective puppy buyers should inquire into the general health of the sire and dam as well as their relatives and previous offspring and ask about these specific disease conditions.

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