



LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO
CLUB OF AMERICA

Health Screening & Breeding Practices

Section 1 – Mandatory Health Screening Requirements

The LRCA requires that Members perform the following health screenings on breeding stock owned or co-owned by them **prior to** breeding as well as comply with the practices outlined herein. It is the responsibility of the owners of both the sire and the dam to ensure that both dogs are in compliance with these requirements.

I. US Members:

Effective July 2014- All breeders are required to send OFA all test results for any dog used in a breeding program.

A. Hip evaluations by either PennHip and/or OFA:

1. Permanent evaluations by OFA (performed after the age of 24 months)
 - a. Lagotto graded OFA “Borderline”, “Mild”, “Moderate” or “Severe” **shall NOT** be bred;
 - b. Lagotto graded OFA “Fair” shall only be bred to Lagotto graded OFA “Good” or “Excellent”.
2. Preliminary evaluations by OFA if breeding prior to the age of 24 months:
 - a. must be performed after the age of 15 months;
 - b. must be graded either OFA “Good” or “Excellent”;
 - c. no Lagotto receiving a preliminary grade of less than OFA “Good” shall be bred until it has received a permanent evaluation from OFA after the age of 24 months;
 - d. Lagotto having only **preliminary** OFA hip grades may only be bred to Lagotto that have received **permanent** grades of OFA “Good” or “Excellent”.
3. PennHip – Lagotto with Pennhip evaluations may only be bred if the results indicate a DI that meets or exceeds the median DI for Lagotto as set forth in the PennHip Evaluation Report for the dog unless the dog has received an OFA rating of “Fair”, “Good” or “Excellent”.

B. ACVO, ECVO, ECR, or CERF eye exam, performed within no more than 12 months prior to any breeding:

1. Lagotto found to have distichiasis may only be bred to unaffected Lagotto;
2. Lagotto found to have Juvenile cataracts **shall NOT** be bred.

- C. Benign Familial Juvenile Epilepsy:
 - 1. In all breedings, at least one parent must be DNA tested clear .for BFJE
 - 2. **As of January 12, 2015:**
 - a. Breeding stock must be DNA tested for BFJE prior to breeding.
 - b. Lagotto DNA tested as BFJE-affected **shall NOT** be bred.

- D. Lagotto Storage Disease:
 - 1. **Effective July 14, 2014** - In every Lagotto breeding at least one dog must be DNA tested 'clear' for Storage Disease.

- E. Breed only males and females if:
 - 1. after the age of 2 years
 - a. that are in compliance with all current **LRCA Mandatory Health Screening Practices.**
 - 2. before 2 years of age
 - a. that are in compliance with all current **LRCA Mandatory Health Screening Practices.**
 - b. only one time;
 - c. only after the age of 18 months;

II. Foreign Members shall comply with these requirements utilizing the requisite specialists, evaluators and registries available to them in their countries.. Please refer to the table at the foot of the Orthopedic Foundation's page on hip grades at http://www.offa.org/hd_grades.html chart comparing the ratings of various hip scoring methods.

Section 2. – Other Health-related Requirements

The LRCA requires that all Members:

- I. Refrain from breeding bitches on more than two successive seasons without a letter from their veterinarian stipulating that he/she has examined the bitch **prior to breeding** and found her health status is such that carrying and rearing another litter will not put her or the puppies at risk. A copy of the letter shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the LRCA at least 1 month prior to the anticipated whelp date;

- II. Refrain from breeding bitches after their eighth birthday;

- III. Permit bitches to whelp and rear a maximum of 6 litters in their lifetimes.

Section 3 – Other Screening Suggestions (Recommended but not required)

Members may wish to screen for the following conditions:

- 1. Luxating Patellae

2. Elbow Dysplasia
3. Incorrect or short coat

Please either list results with OFFA or contact the Health Committee with results, especially negative results. This will enable the Committee to determine if a condition is becoming a problem in the breed and take steps to hopefully prevent it from becoming wide spread.

Accepted by LCA Breed Health and Education Committee. Approved by the Board
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