



It is the recommendation of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America that the following be minimum requirements for stud dogs and brood bitches within a breeding program.

### **Hip Dysplasia**

*(X-rays to be submitted for evaluation to either of the following registries)*

OFA Evaluation (min. age 24 months)

PennHIP Evaluation (min.age 6 months)

### **Ocular Examination**

A boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist should exam eyes at a minimum age of 2 years. Examination is recommended every year if a dog is part of a current breeding program. Results should be registered with OFA and/or CERF.

### **General Breeding Health**

In addition, a veterinarian should examine animals being bred within six months of a proposed breeding. Such exam should include but not be limited to an up-to-date vaccine protocol, heartworm test, brucellosis test, urinalysis, fecal test, CBC/blood chemistry, and thyroid test.

This health statement has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.