



AMERICAN BELGIAN LAEKENOIS ASSOCIATION

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Health Statement

The American Belgian Laekenois Association 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, elbow dysplasia, inherited eye disease, heart disease, thyroid, and dentition.

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.

Eyes – Report of an examination by a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists conducted within 12 months prior to breeding.

Hearts – Report from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) at 12 months of age or older.

Thyroid – Report from OFA

Dentition – Report from OFA.

The results of these screening tests will be recorded in an online, professionally managed database such as the OFA database (<http://www.offa.org/>). For imported semen, AKC DNA will be obtained and examinations of hips, elbow, eyes, hearts, thyroid and dentition will be conducted as for Belgian Laekenois in the USA per ABLA recommendation, or according to the guidelines of the Belgian Laekenois parent/national club or parent/national Belgian club that includes the Laekenois variety of that country. Documentation of these examinations will be available for inspection.

This statement has been approved by the ABLA Board of Directors.

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