

Requirements Health & DNA Testing

All parent dogs must have the following documents uploaded with the results recorded in the Dog Registry before a litter produced by them can be registered.

Hips

Passing hip score documentation from one of the three options listed below prior to mating that dog.

- OFA preliminary or final result of Excellent, Good or Fair, over the age of 4 months.
- BVA or FCI results that have been converted to OFA scoring.
- Dr. Wallace eVet Diagnostics report of Excellent, Good or Fair over the age of 4 months.
- PennHip 0.6 or better at any age over the age of 4 months.

Elbows

Passing hip score documentation from one of the three options listed below prior to mating that dog.

- OFA preliminary or final report of Normal/Clear over the age of 4 months.
- BVA or FCI results that have been converted to OFA scoring.
- Dr. Wallace eVet Diagnostics, preliminary report of Normal/Clear over the age of 4 months.

DNA Profile

All parent dogs must DNA Profile before registering a litter.

A DNA Identity Profile, also known as "genetic fingerprinting," consists of specific DNA markers that uniquely identify an individual dog. Most laboratories that perform this testing provide a certificate that displays the DNA markers in a bar code format or in a list by marker name/number.

For dual sire litters, parentage must be verified for each offspring through DNA Profile.

WALA accepts a DNA Profile from:

- Any OFA Approved Laboratory
- Any Laboratory accepted by these international breed associations: ALA, ALAA, ALCA, ALAEU, AKC and Canadian KC
- Examples of some labs WALA accepts: Orivet/Paw Prints, Van Haeringen, Combibreed, Pet Genetics, Feragen, Genomia.

DNA Profile Exemptions:

- Frozen semen from retired dogs
- Studs from breeders that are not WALA members
- Breeding dogs born before Jan. 1, 2018

If a breeder questions the parentage of any dog or puppy, he or she must submit a DNA swab of said dog to the laboratory where the sire or dam was previously tested.