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# Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

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## Application for Legg-Calve-Perthes Database

Registered name:			AKC registration number:			Other registry name:		
Breed:			Sex:			Date of birth (MM/DD/YY):		
Microchip/tattoo:			Registration number of sire:			Registration number of dam:		
Owner name:			Date of examination (MM/DD/YY):					
Co-owner name:			Examining veterinary clinic:					
Mailing address:			Mailing address:					
City:		State:	Zip/postal code:		City:		State:	Zip/postal code:
Phone:		E-mail:		Phone:		E-mail:		

I hereby certify that the radiograph submitted is of the animal described on this application and that the pelvic conformation has not been surgically altered. I am aware that the radiographic image will be retained for the records of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. I understand the evaluation is based upon the independent, professional judgment of consulting radiologists, and I hereby release the OFA from any and all liability resulting from the evaluation. I understand that only normal results will be released to the public unless the initials of a registered owner appear in the authorization box below which permits the OFA to release abnormal results to the public.

Signature of owner or authorized representative \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Authorization to Release Abnormal Results</b></p> <p>I hereby authorize the OFA to release the results of its radiographic evaluation of the animal described on this application to the public if the results are abnormal _____ (initials of registered owner or authorized representative).</p>
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### Instructions

Radiographs should be permanently identified in the film emulsion with:

1. Registered name and/or number
2. Name of veterinarian or hospital making the film
3. Date of radiograph taken

Pelvic evaluation is based on the standard VD view with good pelvic definition, pelvis not tilted and femurs extended and parallel

### Veterinary Information

This animal was restrained using:

- Physical restraint only
- Chemical restraint

### Check the next page for breeds at risk for Legg-Calve-Perthes

<input type="checkbox"/> I DID verify microchip/tattoo on this dog	<input type="checkbox"/> I DID NOT verify microchip/tattoo on this dog
_____ <b>Veterinarian Signature</b> Specialty: <input type="checkbox"/> Practitioner, <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist                      Date	

**Fees** • Legg Calve Perthes Database ..... \$25.00  
 • Litter of 3 or more submitted together ..... \$45.00

**Kennel Rate**—Applications submitted as a group, owned/co-owned by same person  
 • Minimum of 5 individuals ..... \$15.00 per study

Evaluation fees will be refunded for dogs determined by the OFA to be affected. When submitting radiographs for both OFA hip and LCP evaluations, only the regular OFA hip fee applies, the LCP fee is waived.

Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard, check or money order (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank) payable to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

Card number \_\_\_\_\_                      Cardholder name \_\_\_\_\_                      Exp MM/YY \_\_\_\_\_                      CVV \_\_\_\_\_

## OFA Database

The dysplasia control database of the OFA is a voluntary program established to evaluate radiographs and to identify films showing no radiographic evidence of dysplasia or other orthopedic problems. All films submitted that are of acceptable diagnostic quality will be reviewed by a qualified veterinary radiologist and a report will be returned to the owner of record and referring veterinarian. Only animals that are 12 months of age or older to the day at the time of radiography, with no radiographic evidence of Legg-Calve-Perthes or dysplasia, will be assigned a breed Legg-Calve-Perthes number.

### Instructions for Taking Films for OFA Evaluations

#### Age Requirement

For toy and small breeds interested in the Legg-Calve-Perthes Database the animal has to be 12 months of age or older. The dog's registration certificate or copy of this information should be available at the time of radiography.

#### Restraint

Obtaining proper film position often requires chemical restraint. The OFA recommends chemical restraint to the point of muscular relaxation. The type of agent used (sedative, tranquilizer, or general anesthesia) is best determined by the attending veterinarian.

#### Positioning

Dorsal recumbency with the rear legs **extended and parallel** to each other is the preferred positioning. This standard ventrodorsal view is the basis for evaluation of hip joint status with respect to hip dysplasia. Care should be exercised to be sure the pelvis is not tilted. Elbow joints are evaluated in the fully flexed medial to lateral position.

#### Digital Submission

Veterinary clinics can register to submit digital images and find detailed directions on how to submit images digitally at [www.ofa.org/veterinarian/veterinary-submissions](http://www.ofa.org/veterinarian/veterinary-submissions)

#### Image Identification

Permanent film identification of the dog on the image is required for radiographs to be eligible for OFA evaluation. Lead letters, an I.D. camera, or radio opaque tapes can be used to identify film. Digital images should have embedded text with the hospital or veterinarian's name, date taken, registered name and/or registration number. OFA does not accept cloud/web-based links or zip files, images should be attachments and should not require proprietary viewing software.

If the required ID information is illegible or missing, the OFA cannot accept the film for evaluation purposes. The radiographs should be labeled right or left side for hip studies and right or left elbow for elbow studies.



#### Exposure

Good contrast is desirable (high mAs, low kVp). Grid techniques are recommended for all large dogs.

#### Radiation Safety

Proper collimation and protection of attendants is the responsibility of the veterinarian. Gonadal shielding is recommended for male dogs.

#### Hormonal Effect

Some female dogs show subluxation when radiographed around an estrus cycle which is not apparent when re-radiographed in anestrus. The OFA recommends radiographing 3-4 weeks before or after a heat period or 3-5 weeks after weaning a litter of pups.

#### Application for OFA Film Evaluation

The owner or agent must complete and sign the OFA application form. This information is best obtained directly from the dog's certificate of registration and **it is recommended that a copy of the registration be included** with the submission. Application forms are available on request from the OFA and from the OFA website at [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org). The **radiograph, signed form, and ser-vice fee** should be mailed together to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals at the address on the front of this form.

### Breeds at Risk for Legg-Calve-Perthes

Affenpinscher	Fox Terrier	Pug
Australian Terrier	Jack Russell Terrier	Schipperke
Bichon Frise	Lakeland Terrier	Scottish Terrier
Border Terrier	Manchester Terrier	Shetland Sheepdog
Boston Terrier	Miniature Schnauzer	Silky Terrier
Cairn Terrier	Miniature Pinscher	Welsh Terrier
Chihuahua	Pomeranian	West Highland White Terrier
Cocker Spaniel	Pekingese	Yorkshire Terrier
Dachshund	Poodle	

Sources: *Control of Canine Genetic Diseases*, Howell Book House, George A. Padgett, DVM; *The Genetic Connection*, AAHA Press, Lowell Ackerman, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVD