

Eye testing

There are a variety of eye diseases that affect dogs. Many of these conditions can have serious effects on health and welfare, causing pain, blindness, or the need for lifelong medication.

Testing your dog's eyes will allow you to take action to tackle disease progression and make informed breeding decisions.

Book an appointment with one of our expert veterinary ophthalmologists using our 'Find a Panellist' tool.

For puppies

Consider litter screening for puppies 5-12 weeks of age to check for **congenital inherited conditions** (from birth or soon after birth). You can check if this is recommended for your breed via The Kennel Club's Health Standard.



Learn more about eye testing

bva.co.uk/eyes



Other health tests

There are several other common health tests that are recommended for certain dog breeds by The Kennel Club. For a full list of tests and guidance on how to get your dog tested, visit bva.co.uk/get-started and thekennelclub.org.uk/healthstandard.



Get started with health testing



The Kennel Club's Health Standard

About our canine health schemes

Run in partnership between the British Veterinary Association and The Kennel Club, our services help dog breeders screen for a range of conditions to make informed breeding decisions, produce healthier puppies and work towards eliminating debilitating inherited diseases.

Find out more at bva.co.uk/chs



Getting started with hip, elbow and eye testing

Are you thinking of breeding from your dog?

There's plenty to think about. What will the puppies look like? What personalities will they have? Which welcoming homes will they go to?

First things first – how can you be sure these puppies will have the best chance at a healthy, happy, active life, free from chronic pain and disease? That's where health testing comes in.

Health testing can seem intimidating at first as there are lots of health tests available. It can be hard to know which ones are recommended for your dog breed but this handy guide will give you an overview of why and how to health screen your dog to provide peace of mind both for you and for puppy buyers.

Through health testing, we can make a real difference to the health and welfare of dogs.

Which health tests do I need?

Every dog breed, including crossbreeds, is at risk of inherited disease. However there are some breeds that are more commonly affected by certain conditions than others.

For example, Labrador Retrievers may be affected by hip dysplasia, and English Springer Spaniels are more often affected by inherited eye diseases.

The Kennel Club's Health Standard, (access with the QR code below), offers helpful information and recommended health tests for every dog breed.



Learn more about dog breeds

thekennelclub.org.uk/healthstandard



Hip and elbow screening

Hip and elbow dysplasia are two of the most common inherited health conditions that dogs can suffer from, and can have a serious impact on a dog's health and welfare.

Getting your dog's hips and elbows checked helps you to make an informed decision about whether breeding from them is likely to produce affected puppies. Dogs with lower scores are less likely to be affected with disease and pass on poor genes to their puppies.

Step 1. Get your dog x-rayed by a vet

Step 2. The images are sent to us where our team of veterinary specialists will check for signs of dysplasia

Step 3. The results are sent back to you and, if your dog is registered with The Kennel Club, added to your dog's profile and the Health Test Results Finder



Learn more about hip screening

bva.co.uk/hips



Learn more about elbow screening

bva.co.uk/elbows