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Hip Dysplasia (BVA & KC Scoring Scheme)

What is Hip Dysplasia?

Hip dysplasia is a complex inherited disorder potentially leading to a condition where the hip joint does not develop correctly. As the dog gets older, the joint undergoes wear and tear and the joint deteriorates, leading to a loss of function. This can cause varying degrees of pain, discomfort, stiffness and lameness.

Why screen your dog?

Breeders are able to screen their breeding stock for hip dysplasia before the dogs are bred from. Testing all potential breeding stock, where relevant, allows breeders to better understand the kind of genes a dog may pass on to its offspring, giving them the information required to minimise the risk of producing clinically affected puppies and reduce the risk of the diseases appearing in future generations.

Using the BVA/KC hip dysplasia scheme

The [British Veterinary Association \(BVA\) and Kennel Club \(KC\) scoring scheme](#) has been in operation since 1984. The scheme screens animals for faults in the hip joints and allows animals with the best hip joints to be chosen for breeding. An x-ray is undertaken by your Vet and submitted for scoring (points) by a panel of experts who are part of the hip dysplasia scheme.

What are the scores my dog may receive?

Each hip joint is assessed by BVA/KC scrutineers who assign points based on nine aspects of each hip joint. The degree to which a dog is affected by hip dysplasia is represented by a score given to each hip. This score ranges from zero to 106 (zero to 53 for each hip), with a score of zero representing the least degree of hip dysplasia and 53 representing the most.

Are the BVA/KC results published?

The names and results of Kennel Club registered dogs will be sent to the Kennel Club for recording on their database and will be made available:

- In the next available Breed Records Supplement
- On any new registration certificate issued for the dog and
- On the registration certificates of any future progeny of the dog
- On the [Health Test Results Finder](#) in the Kennel Club's online health resource, [Mate Select](#)