

What you should know about health before buying a Golden Retriever puppy

The Four Core Health Certifications

(Should be completed on both parents)

Testing	Why?
<p>X-ray evaluation of mature dogs at or after 24 months of age</p> <p>OFA Excellent Good Fair</p> <p>Or PennHIP DI of .54 or better in both hips < .30 = Low Risk .30-.49 = Mild Risk .50-.54 = Moderate Risk for Osteoarthritis</p> <p>Preliminary reports are not certifications</p> <p><small>Note: BVA would be acceptable in the US if testing is done at or after 24 months and is publicly verifiable through OFA. Acceptable scores for breeding total 13 or less.</small></p>	<p>Ranked 41 out of 177 higher risk breeds</p> <p>20.1% of Golden hips are Dysplastic</p> <p>Not detectable without x-ray evaluation</p> <p>Surgical repair Over \$4000.00 per hip 1-2 month recovery period</p>
<p>OFA Normal</p> <p>X-ray evaluation of mature dogs at or after 24 months of age or more</p> <p>OFA is the only organization currently offering elbow evaluation in the US</p> <p>Preliminary reports are not certifications</p> <p><small>Note: BVA would be acceptable in the US if testing is done at or after 24 months and is publicly verifiable through OFA. The acceptable score for breeding is 0/0. Scores of 1, 2 and 3 indicate the severity of dysplasia.</small></p>	<p>Ranked 31 out of 117 higher risk breeds</p> <p>11.1% of Golden elbows are Dysplastic</p> <p>Not detectable without x-ray evaluation</p> <p>Surgical repair \$1500.00-\$4000.00 per elbow</p>
<p>OFA Normal by a Cardiologist at 12 months of age or more</p> <p>Practitioner and Specialist certifications are not recommended</p> <p>Avoid altered or fraudulent forms by verifying through OFA's website</p>	<p>Ranked 54 out of 140 higher risk breeds</p> <p>Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis (SAS) Affects seemingly healthy dogs Sudden death of young dogs may occur</p>
<p>OFA Normal or Passing with Breeder Option by a Veterinary Ophthalmologist done within the last 12 months</p> <p>This certification expires in 12 months and must be done annually</p> <p>Avoid altered or fraudulent forms by verifying through OFA's website</p>	<p>Blinding disorders exist in the Golden Retriever breed</p> <p>Pigmentary Uveitis may present at any stage of life</p>

Additional Health Testing



DNA testing is available for a limited number of disorders

This means Affected and Carrier animals can be responsibly used while not producing Affected puppies by breeding to Normal status dogs

For more information, please refer to these

Sources:

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals - www.offa.org - *Also where certifications should be verified*

The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center

Embrace Pet Insurance

The Golden Retriever Club of America

PennHIP - <http://info.antechimaging.com/pennhip/>

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