



COMPANION ANIMAL EYE REGISTRY (CAER)

CAER OVERVIEW

OFA CAER exams are ophthalmic examinations performed by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologist (ACVO) Diplomates, to assess dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary eye disease. Dogs with normal exam results will receive OFA eye certification numbers that are valid for one year. Eye certifications are an important part of the routine health screenings practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies.

CAER application forms are available in paper from veterinary ophthalmologists and an online version is also available through OFA Online. CAER applications can be created and submitted online at www.ofa.org/online.

EXAM OVERVIEW

The exam is performed after drops are placed in the eyes to dilate the pupils and consists of indirect ophthalmoscopy and slit lamp biomicroscopy. If a serious ocular health problem (such as glaucoma) is suspected during the exam, a more comprehensive exam may be required.

Following the examination, the ophthalmologist will complete the CAER exam form or record the results in OFA Online and indicate any specific observable conditions found.

Breeding advice will be offered based on the guidelines established for that specific breed by the ACVO Genetics Committee.

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Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER)

Ophthalmologist Name: _____
Ophthalmologist Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip/postal code: _____
Phone: _____ ACVO #: _____
Email: _____

Call name: _____
Registered name: _____
Event: _____ Sex: _____
Microchip/Tattoo: _____
Registration Number: AKC Other _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____ Date of Exam (mm/dd/yy): _____

Owner Name: _____
Co-Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____
Owner Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip/postal code: _____
E-Mail (use both lines if needed): _____

I hereby certify that the animal examined is the animal described on this application, and understand that the results of this exam will be submitted by the examining ophthalmologist to the database for historical purposes. I understand that only passing results will be released to the public unless the animal of a registered owner or authorized agent appear in the application box below which permits the OFA to release non-passing results to the public. Further understand that ALL results, both passing and non-passing, will be made available to ophthalmologists who may examine this dog at a future date.

Signature of owner or authorized agent/representative: _____
Date: _____

I hereby authorize the OFA to release the results of the evaluation of the animal described on this application to the public, if the results are non-passing (initials): _____

I DID verify microchip/tattoo on this dog
 I DID NOT verify microchip/tattoo on this dog
 NO MICROCHIP/TATTOO PRESENT

I certify that I have performed this ophthalmic examination using pharmacological mydriasis, ophthalmoscopy, and biomicroscopy.
Signature: _____ ACVO #: _____ Date: _____

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FEES AND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THE WHITE (OWNER) COPY

RIGHT EYE GLOBE LEFT EYE

microphthalmos
 keratoconjunctivitis sicca
 glaucoma

EYELIDS

entropion
 ectropion
 distichiasis
 ectopic cilia
 imperforate lacrimal punctum

NICTITANS

cartilage anomaly/eversion
 gland prolapse
 plasmoma/atypical pannus

CORNEA

dystrophy—epithelial/stromal
 dystrophy—endothelial
 pannus
 pigmentary keratitis/keratopathy

UVEA

uveal cyst
 iris coloboma
 iris hypoplasia
 iris sphincter dysplasia
 pigmentary uveitis
 uveal melanoma
 persistent pupillary membranes

LENS

anterior cortex
 posterior cortex
 equatorial cortex
 anterior sutures
 posterior sutures
 nucleus
 capsular
 generalized/complete
 resorbing/hypermature

Significance Unknown/Suspect Not Inherited

subluxation/luxation

VITREOUS

PHPV/PHTVL
 persistent hyaloid artery
 degeneration

RIGHT EYE FUNDUS LEFT EYE

retinal detachment
 retinal detachment—generalized
 retinopathy
 retinal dysplasia
 choroidal hypoplasia
 coloboma
 optic nerve coloboma
 optic nerve hypoplasia
 micropapilla

OTHER CONDITIONS

Unlisted conditions suspected as inherited. Describe in comments
 Unlisted conditions suspected as not inherited

NORMAL

Comments: _____

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THE BENEFITS

- The addition of eye exam results to OFA's databases of canine health screenings enhances the value of this important tool for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions.
- For informed puppy buyers, the database provides documentation of a breeder's health screening efforts.
- Results of all CAER exams are collected for statistical purposes to monitor ocular disease prevalence and progression, and are used by the ACVO Genetics Committee to establish breeding guidelines.
- A portion of the proceeds from all CAER registrations are donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination and treatment of ocular disease in companion animals.

The OFA is a not-for-profit foundation with the mission to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. The OFA currently maintains the world's largest online, publicly available database of canine health screen results.