



Instructions on HD Radiographs

KIM-D evaluates HD through a ventrodorsal radiograph of the pelvis with the rear legs extended. The dog must be older than one year.

With regard to positioning and technical quality, the following criteria should be observed:

- A VD (ventrodorsal) view of the entire pelvis, including both femurs with stifles and patellas fully visible
- Symmetrical positioning of the pelvis with the ilium and obturator foramen shown in the same manner on both sides
- Both femurs lie parallel to each other, parallel to the spinal column and to the x-ray table
- The patellas lies at the height of the sesamoid bones, midway between both femoral condyles
- The dorsal edge of the acetabulum is visible through the head of the femur

In labeling the radiograph, care should be taken to guarantee a permanent, unchangeable match of the radiograph to the dog.

Each x-ray should be labeled with:

- Chip or tattoo number
- Breed book or pedigree number
- Date of the radiograph
- Name of the veterinarian/radiologist

In addition, if possible:

- Complete family tree
- Breed of the dog
- Name of owner
- Birthdate

A side-marking (right/left) is necessary.

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