

DOBERMAN PINSCHER

WHAT THE BREEDERS CAN SCREEN FOR:

TEST	AUTHORITY	SIRE AND DAM	PUPPY
Hip dysplasia or -	PennHip	PennHip issues percentile ranking (not pass or fail)	Can test as young as 16 weeks old
Hip dysplasia	OFA	OFA issues # to normal dogs 2 years and older	OFA accepts preliminary evaluations 4 to 23 months
Elbow dysplasia	OFA	OFA issues # to normal dogs 2 years and older	OFA accepts preliminary evaluations under 24 months
Patellar Luxation (slipping kneecaps)	OFA	OFA issues # to normal dogs 12 months and older	Preliminary can be done from 6-8 weeks old
Thyroid	OFA	OFA issues # to normal dogs 12+ months. Recommends re-exams at 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 years	Earlier evaluations can be done since a few are already positive before 12 months
Cardiac 3 methods: (Requires more extensive testing than auscultation)	Auscultation; echocardiography; 24 hour Holter monitor	OFA issues # to normal dogs 12 months and older. Re-test every 2 years.	OFA accepts exams under 12 months as consultations; no #
Temperament - or -	ATTS	# indicating tested and passed desirable	Must be at least 18 months old
Working Aptitude Evaluation \$30	Doberman Pinscher Club of America	DPCA awards WAC title if passes	Must be at least 18 months old
von Willebrand disease (vWD) DNA (oral cheek swab)	VetGen \$140 offers litter discount	VetGen issues DNA report. OFA issues # to clear dogs. No minimum age.	Can swab at birth. Results in 2 weeks.
Narcolepsy DNA (blood sample)	Optigen \$130	OFA issues # to clear dogs. No minimum age.	Draw at 4-6 weeks old. Results in 2 weeks.
Eye exam to screen for the following eye problems:	CERF	Should have CERF # and see actual exam sheets. Need annual re-exam.	Can be examined at 7 weeks old and CERF registered

Microphthalmia with multiple ocular defects	Breeding advice: Do not breed
Distichiasis	Breeding advice: Breeder option
Persistent pupillary membranes	Breeding advice: Breeder option
Cataract	Breeding advice: Do not breed
Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous/ Persistent hyperplastic tunica vasculosa lentis (PHPV/PHTVL)	Breeding advice: Do not breed
Retinal dysplasia – folds	Breeding advice: Breeder option

ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS TO ASK BREEDERS ABOUT:

☹ von Willebrand disease (vWD) statistics: 25% clear, 49% carrier and 26% affected (January 23, 2004 VetGen report)⁴³

☹ Ranks #11 for abnormal Thyroid (OFA statistics for breeds having at least 50 evaluations January 1974 through December 2003).

Acral lick dermatitis	Craniomandibular osteopathy
Albinism	Diabetes mellitus
Bloat/torsion	Dancing Doberman Disease
Bundle of His degeneration	Flank sucking
Cervical vertebral instability (CVI) (Wobbler's Syndrome)	Immune complex disorders (ICD)
Congenital deafness reported	Pancreatitis
Congenital renal hypoplasia	Polystatic fibrous dysplasia
	Sebaceous Adenitis

AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT TEST SOCIETY:

Out of 1,363 tested, 1,041 passed and 322 failed = 76.4% pass rate

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS (OFA) STATISTICS:

REGISTRY	EVALUATIONS	PERCENT NORMAL
Cardiac	226	100.0
Elbow	820	98.5
Hips	11,399	92.9
Patella	5	100.0
Thyroid	306	70.3
von Willebrand Disease	294	46.6

☺ This breed is currently enrolled in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC).

Website: Doberman Pinscher Club of America

Rating: Good

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