

Importance of Canine Genetic testing

- If you plan a litter of puppies, you are a breeder
- Carriers of genetic problems are often invisible and without testing; you cannot predict whether your litter will be at risk
- Pets are just as likely to get the genetic diseases associated with their breed as show or working
- Many genetic issues may develop years after the dog was bred
- Health and genetic screening on the parents is important to minimize the chance that these issues will occur
- It is just as important for pet owners, as it is to serious show dog owners, to have the healthiest dog possible.
- Health issues are often heartbreaking and expensive
- A responsible breeder does health screens and genetic testing on their breeding dogs as indicated based on the family history and breed to ensure they produce the healthiest puppies possible
- Potential buyers who want to spend less on the purchase price of the puppy are often failing to look at the long-term financial and emotional costs potentially involved in having a dog with health issue
- It is important for potential puppy buyers to look at the pedigree of their new puppy, ask questions, and see documentation on health and genetic testing that has been done
- Prospective buyers should ask questions, research, and learn about the issues for which their puppy may be at risk.
- If the puppy purchased is not intended for breeding, the buyer may still be concerned that their new dog may develop an inherited condition.
- With genetic testing you can avoid the diseases for which you tested. Although it will not exclude all possible inherited and acquired diseases, this is your best available option to increase the odds of having a healthy dog