

National Rottweiler Council (Australia) Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Disease Scheme

NRCA HD and ED Scheme



1. That the following HD scheme be agreed to as the NRCA HD scheme.
2. Professor Wyburn or his nominee and the NRCA will be used to score and grade the x-rays of Rottweiler hips. Provision is to be made for appeal to a nominated person for questionable results.
3. Only hip x-rays taken after a dog or bitch has reached twelve (12) months of age be acceptable.
4. Dogs or bitches that are not already tattooed in the right ear must be tattooed at the time of x-ray. The tattoo number appears on the x-ray along with the registration number of the dog.
5. The NRCA adopt a standard application form that is to be used by all clubs.
6. The allocation of tattoo numbers for dogs and bitches will be done from a central point nominated by each member clubs breed recorder.
7. The original plus a stamped self-addressed envelope is to be sent to a central point nominated by each member clubs breed recorder together with a copy of the pedigree.
8. Imported Rottweilers who have fully complied with a Hip Dysplasia scheme in their country of origin be accepted. However, it is recommended that these dogs be re-scored using the NRCA Scheme. In this way the results of progeny would show the dogs input, i.e. Hips, in relation to the actual score/grade.
9. Results are to be published by each member club in their normal manner and annually by the NRCA breed recorder.
10. Only dogs or bitches that receive a grading of 0,1,2, or 3 are suitable for breeding. Rottweilers with grade 3 hips should be bred with care. Any Rottweiler with grade 4 or above is not suitable for breeding.
11. The combined Lawson/Willis score for a breeding pair should not exceed 35.
12. Professor Wyburn will forward to the NRCA breed recorder the results on a regular basis for distribution to the member clubs.
13. Elbow x-ray and assessment commenced but is not mandatory at this time pending world scoring scheme.

Adopted 23 September 1995.

Amended 23 October 2000

Changes made since September 1995.

5/5/1997 – Paperwork procedure – Dr Wyburn returns direct to the NRCA Breed Recorder the white and pink copy of the paperwork. The National Breed Recorder keeps the white sheet and forwards the pink sheet to the club whose stamp appears on the paperwork. Yellow sheet and x-rays are returned to the owner. Blue sheet is sent to Dr Willis in the UK. Club results from any other source to be forwarded by clubs to National Breed Recorder as well as eye and mouth certificates.

2/9/1997 – Microchipping – NRCA accepts microchipping as an acceptable form of identification

2/9/1997 – X – Rays – Hip and Elbow x-rays become compulsory. ([Supersedes Point No.13](#))

20/9/1997 – AVA results – results will only be accepted as statistics for the NRCA register unless the dog was x-rayed prior to 1/1/96.

6/10/1998 – All future pads to be numbered. Pads are only to be sold to member clubs who participate in the national Hip Scheme.

2/4/1999 – Elbow X-Rays – all Rottweilers whelped on or after 1/1/98 must have both their elbows as well as their hips x-rayed in order to be considered suitable for breeding. ([Supersedes Point No.13](#))

2/4/1999 – Sole Reader – NRCA to move away from the acceptance of hip and elbow results only read by Dr Wyburn. NRCA to accept and publish results from any of the accredited AVA panellists.

2/4/1999 – HD Flyer – A flyer/cover sheet to be handed out with all HD forms advising of the names and addresses of accredited radiologists.

2/4/1999 – Combined Score- the HD scheme be adjusted so that the combined breeding score is decreased from 25 to 20. ([Supersedes Point No.11](#))

2/4/1999 – Grades – Grades no longer to be utilised by the NRCA in the evaluation of whether or not a dog or bitch is suitable for breeding. ([Supersedes Point No.10](#))

27/10/2001 - X-ray requirements for Imported Dogs: Effective 1 January 2002, any Rottweiler that has been imported into Australia after this date must have hips and elbows read and scored under the NRCA/Willis scheme. ([Supersedes point No.8](#))

That is, where any Clubs' members has imported, co-owns a dog or bitch, or who uses an imported dog at stud, that has been X-rayed and scored in a previous country of residence, only needs to have those plates re-read under the NRCA scheme as long as those plates comply with the NRCA identification requirements. If however, they do not have the plates, or those plates are not correctly identified, in terms of the NRCA scheme, then the dog/bitch must be re-X-rayed, read and scored under the NRCA scheme.

01/01/2004 – Ethics and Breeding - All dogs and bitches whelped after 01/01/2004 can only be bred with if their Hip and Elbow, and Eye and Mouth results are on National Rottweiler Council paperwork and comply with the National Council Scheme

29/10/2004 – Appealed Scores - "That the NRCA have numbered reassessment HD paperwork available for clubs to use when reassessment is required".

29/10/2004 – Timeline for appealed scores - "From the 1st January 2003, all reassessments must take place within 6 months from the time the State Clubs breed recorder receives the original paperwork from the NRCA breed recorder".

Amendments

April 2008 – Amendment to Identification Requirements. Effectively immediately, the identification requirements for the NRCA Hip and Elbow scheme be adopted as follows:

The following information must be recorded on the radiograph:

(Stick on labels are not acceptable)

- **Registered name of the Dog**
- **NRCA Hip and Elbow Paperwork number. (Additional change)**
- **Tattoo or Microchip number.**
- **Date the x-ray is taken.**
- **Right and Left marker.**
- **Registration Number (Optional).**

Failure to have the radiograph correctly identified with the registered name, the NRCA hip and elbow paperwork number, tattoo or microchip number, date the x-ray is taken, and the right and left marker, will result in the not being accepted.

April 2008 – Appealed Scores. Effective immediately the appeal x-ray is to be identified as follows:

The following information must be recorded on the radiograph:

(Stick on labels are not acceptable)

- **Registered name of the Dog**
- **Original NRCA Hip and Elbow Paperwork Number.**
- **New NRCA Hip and Elbow Paperwork Number.**
- **Tattoo or Microchip number.**
- **Date the x-ray is taken.**
- **Right and Left marker.**

Appeals based upon privately read x-rays and non-issued NRCA paperwork will not be accepted for the basis of the appeal.

Failure to have the radiograph correctly identified with the registered name, the NRCA hip and elbow paperwork number, tattoo or microchip number, date the x-ray is taken, and the right and left marker, will result in the not being accepted.

April 2008 – Paperwork Ownership and Processing procedure – The issue of NRCA paperwork is at the discretion of the National Rottweiler Council (Australia) and its member clubs. Ownership of the paperwork remains with the NRCA.

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