



**SAVA / KUSA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme  
Application for hip and/or elbow dysplasia certification**

<i>Declaration by Owner</i>	
Registered name of dog	
KUSA registration number	
Breed	
Sex	
Date of birth	
Name of owner	
Telephone number	
Cell phone number	
Email address	
Postal address	

**NB. Copy of Certificate of Registration must be attached to this application**

***I hereby declare that:***

1. The particulars stated above are correct and are of the dog presented today for radiographic examination
2. The dog has not been previously radiographed for certification
3. The dog has not had surgery for hip or elbow dysplasia
4. I understand and accept that the radiographs remain the property of the veterinarian taking them and that the radiographs will be retained on record by the veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years as required by law. CD's will be kept by the scrutineer as the referring Veterinarian will have their own digital record.
5. I understand and accept that the results may be forwarded to KUSA who may place the results on an open registry data base and / or on a pedigree or registration certificate.
6. I understand and accept that results may be used for statistical and research purposes.

**Owner's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Declaration by Veterinarian</i>	
Name of veterinarian	
Name of veterinary practice	
Practice postal address	
Telephone number	
Email address	

***I hereby declare that:***

1. The microchip number has been verified for the above dog at the time of taking the radiographs.  
Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The radiographs were made on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_
3. The following general anaesthetic or sedation was used: \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have read and followed the recommended procedure for the radiography of hips and elbows for the purpose of certification. Radiographs were taken of: (tick where applicable)  
 Hips  
  
 Elbows
5. Radiograph(s) can be re-submitted for an appeal in accordance with the prescribed appeals procedure.  
(Delete if not applicable)  
 This application and accompanying radiograph(s) is being re-submitted for an appeal.

**Veterinarian's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



### Veterinary Guidelines for Hip and Elbow Certification

1. Hip dysplasia examination is done from the age of 12 months), except for large breeds which must only be done from the age of 18 months. Breeds considered as “large breeds” are the Bullmastiff, other mastiff types, Great Dane, Newfoundland, Pyrenean Mountain Dog and St Bernard. Rottweilers are also considered as a large breed.
2. Elbow dysplasia radiographs can be made at the same time but can be done from the age of 12 months in all breeds.
3. All examined dogs must be identified by means of a microchip.
4. All HD/ED radiographs must at least be identified by microchip number, dog’s registered name, date of examination and the practice clinic name by being recorded in the metadata of a digital image for permanent and accurate identification. Left and/or right markers must be included in the collimated area of the image.
5. Radiographs have to be of a satisfactory quality (correct exposure and processing).
6. **Views/ Positioning:**
  - 6.1 For **hip dysplasia**, the standard flexed and extended views are required. For the extended view the whole pelvis and the patellae must be included in the image (for large breeds this usually requires a 30 X 40 cm film). Positioning must be optimal with symmetry of the pelvis (equally sized obturator foramina and ilial wings). Additionally for the extended view the femurs must be parallel to each other, the angle between the femoral necks and femoral shafts must be 135° and the patellae must be located cranially (dorsally) on the femurs. For the flexed views the femoral shafts should form an angle of 45° to the caudal lumbar vertebrae. To achieve the above, general anaesthesia or deep sedation is required.
  - 6.2 For **elbow dysplasia**, the following two (2) views of the elbow, collimated to the elbow, is required: 100-120° ML- Extended view  
: Pronated CrCd view. Two views can be placed on one image/ cassette.
7. **Digital image submission:**

A CD with **DICOM images** can be submitted by post or courier. The CD must be clearly labelled providing the details of the patient(s). DICOM images may also be uploaded onto a Tele-Radiology server or using a large file transfer system.

**Please note that for digital submissions JPEG images are not acceptable.**

All the requirements that apply for hard copy films must also be met for digital submissions e.g. submit a declaration form, have optimal positioning and identify the patient’s registration number, registered name , microchip number, clinic name and date of radiographs on the image.

**No images will be accepted by e-mail.**
8. Radiographs that do not meet the abovementioned criteria will be returned to the referring veterinarian with an explanation as to the reason for the films being returned. An administrative fee will be charged for the returning of radiographs.
9. The signed (owner and veterinarian) application form as well as a copy of the dog’s registration certificate is forwarded by the veterinarian to the relevant official scrutineer (specialist veterinary radiologist) used by the practice.
10. Results are sent back to the veterinarian who forwards them to the owner. The owner must contact the submitting veterinarian and not the scrutineer for results. Copies or amendments to certificates will carry an extra fee.
11. Should the owner wish to **appeal** the result the guidelines can be found on the KUSA website (<https://kusa.co.za/index.php/kusa-initiatives/canine-health-schemes/696-appeals-procedure>) or SAVA website under Public Resources.
12. Please note that the radiographs remain the property of the practice that made them and have to be kept by that practice for 3 years. Digital images are also kept by the veterinarian for 3 years.
13. **Application forms** are available on the KUSA website ([www.kusa.co.za](http://www.kusa.co.za)) and SAVA websites under Public Resources.