



March 23, 2011

Dear Veterinarian,

In response to a need for alternative orthopedic screening The Mastino Health Foundation has developed an orthopedic exam as a basic assessment of orthopedic health in the Neapolitan Mastiff. This exam may be done alone or in conjunction to PennHip and OFA radiographs.

Please conduct this orthopedic exam similar to an equine orthopedic exam. Expect to have the owner or handler run the dog down and back and back and forth so you can watch for signs of lameness (short step, head bob, hip thrust etc.)

Please keep a copy of this exam in the dog's permanent medical record. A completed copy of this first page is all that is required by the owner to show that the dog in question has been evaluated. Thank you for your participation. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Date Completed: Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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AKC number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Identification (Microchip # or AKC DNA #): \_\_\_\_\_

The Microchip # was verified: Yes No

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certification (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the dog listed above was evaluated as per the following exam:

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Signature of Veterinarian



## MHF Orthopedic Exam

*Copy to be kept in the Patient's Medical Record and another given to the Owner.*

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Please Circle***

Exam completed Yes / No

*(Please do not complete the exam if it may result in serious injury to yourself or the dog)*

This dog has signs of obvious lameness Yes / No

This dog has been diagnosed by a veterinarian with *(Please circle all that apply)*:

Hip Dysplasia / Elbow Displasia / Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture /

Cervical Spondylopathy / Intervertebral Disc Disease / Osteochondrosis

Other orthopedic issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Osteosarcoma / Other Bone or Joint Related Neoplasia: \_\_\_\_\_

Please palpate all of the bones and flex and extend all of the joints, noting any muscle wasting, obvious malformations, crepidus, swollen joints, poor range of motion or painful areas etc. Use the following score for all of the different score the following areas on a scale of 0 to 3

0 – no lameness, crepidus, swelling, malformations or pain noted with normal range of motion

1 – subtle or mild lameness, crepidus, swelling or pain noted

2 – moderate lameness, crepidus, swelling or pain noted, range of motion decreased

3 – dog has significant, obvious, orthopedic disease and/or malformation

### **Right Front**

Carpus and Paw 0 1 2 3

Elbow 0 1 2 3

Shoulder 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_

### **Left Front**

Carpus and Paw 0 1 2 3

Elbow 0 1 2 3

Shoulder 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_



**Right Rear**

Carpus and Paw 0 1 2 3  
Hock 0 1 2 3  
Stifle 0 1 2 3  
Hip 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Left Rear**

Carpus and Paw 0 1 2 3  
Hock 0 1 2 3  
Stifle 0 1 2 3  
Hip 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Head and Neck**

Jaw 0 1 2 3  
Skull 0 1 2 3  
Cervical spine 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Spine and Tail**

Thoracic spine 0 1 2 3  
Lumbar spine 0 1 2 3  
Lumbosacral joint 0 1 2 3  
Tail 0 1 2 3

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Orthopedic Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ (0 to 63)