



Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain Health Schemes 2020

1. BVA / KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

The British Veterinary Association jointly with the Kennel Club runs a scheme for X-Raying and assessing Hip Structure, and recording the results for future reference.

- A Veterinary Surgeon will take X-Rays of the dog's hips, these are studied and points awarded for each of 9 aspects of the X-Rays of both hip joints.
- The points are then added up for each hip joint, and then a total combined score is arrived at. Min Score 0 - Maximum Score 106 [53 each hip]. The lower the total score number - the better.
- Each Breed has a different overall structure and so results should be compared with that Breeds Average Scores.

Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired - Hip Scores

Total Tested (15 Years)	Total Tested (2018)	15 Years			5 Years	
		Mean	Range	Median	Mean	*Median
89	5	12.9	3-53	11	15.3	13

Note: Source is the KC published 01/01/19 (covers 2019/2020 period)

** 5 year median - dogs were scored between 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2018*

It is recommended that dogs should be Hip Scored, and that individuals with results significantly above the Breed Mean should not be included in a breeding programme. [Dysplasia means abnormal development]. The ideal is to aim to breed with those around the mean score or below. The current cost for one dog scored is c. £70 plus Veterinary & X-Ray fees.

2. PDA Heart Testing (Puppies)

- Patent Ductus Arteriosus is when the small duct that by passes the lungs in the womb, and which becomes redundant and closes off after birth, fails to do so.
- In the womb, the mothers blood supplies all nutritional and oxygen needs of the growing pup.
- When it is born the lungs take over.
- If the duct fails to close it decreases the efficiency of the heart.
- The condition can be detected at around 4 weeks of age
- The Club recommends that all puppies are tested.

For both Tests contact your Veterinary Surgeon. The BVA & KC Websites can give more detailed information

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