HIP and ELBOW DYSPLASIA RADIOGRAPHY
‘Positioning for the standard AVA/ANKC dysplasia scoring scheme’

HIPS – ventrodorsal pelvis with hips extended

To position correctly remember to check that the:
- Ilial wings are the same size and shape
- Obturator foraminae are the same size and shape
- Femurs are parallel to each other, the tabletop and the ilial bodies
- Patellas are centred over the ipsilateral femoral trochleas
- Acetabular rim is visible through the femoral head

HELPFUL TIPS
- confirm the dog is 12 months of age or over as at the day of radiography;
(by checking the certificate of ‘pedigree & registration’ provided by the owner)
- use a flat foam pad under the pelvis so that the patient is less inclined to tilt to one side
- bring the stifles to mid-line (touching each other) BEFORE extending the femurs
- use adequate chemical restraint (general anaesthetic) to minimise patient movement
- COLLIMATE
- develop a pelvis technique chart to reduce the need for repeat radiographs

ELBOWS – fully flexed lateral of both the left and right elbow

To position correctly remember to:
- gently flex the elbow as far as possible
- take care not to push the elbow under the pectoral muscles or sternum

RADIOGRAPH LABELS must be clear, indelible and include:
- Date of radiography
- Animal registered name and/or number
- Microchip or Tattoo number
- Client surname
- Left AND Right position marker

TO SUBMIT THE RADIOGRAPHS FOR SCORING -

a. Attach a clear and legible copy of the ‘Certificate of Pedigree and Registration’
b. Complete the details below – printing clearly in blue or black pen.
c. ENSURE ¬the owner signs this document prior to submission.

(NOTE: please allow approximately 14 days [from the date of receipt in our office] for return of radiographs and dysplasia evaluation report)

Referring veterinary hospital

Address (postal)

Referring veterinarian __________________________ Telephone __________________________

Animal’s ‘pet’ name __________________________ Date of radiography __________________________

I certify I am the owner of the above named animal and the attached certificate of pedigree and registration is true and correct for this animal.

Owner (print name) __________________________ Owner’s signature __________________________