

# How to certify health of your dogs hips and elbows - Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) procedure for Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS)

## OVERVIEW

In January 2000 the AVA (Australian Veterinary Association) and ANKC combined forces in a joint scheme to reduce hip and elbow disease in registered pure bred dogs.

From 1st May 2016 ANKC Ltd has assumed sole responsibility for the administration of the scheme.

The important features of the scheme are:

- Administration of the scheme is via the ANKC Ltd Office.
- Application forms for hip and/or elbow scoring are available from [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au)
- Hip and elbow assessment will be by members of the Radiology Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS).
- Radiographs determined by the reader to be of poor quality must be repeated at the veterinary surgeon's expense.
- Results will be returned to the owner.
- A sympathetic appeal system is in place.
- There will be regular quality control assessments.
- Results will be directly recorded by the reader on the ANKC Ltd ORCHID (Officially Registered Canine Health Information Database). From the resulting statistics, there will be breed specific averages available, updated regularly.

In the future, ANKC Ltd plans to develop an open register, published through ORCHID, where, subject to the agreement of individual owners, hip and elbow scores and ACES eye tests of those owners' dogs will be publicly available.

The scheme is open to all dogs at least one year of age, with no upper age limit. The owner of the dog should;

- Arrange for appropriate radiographs to be taken at any veterinary surgery, ensuring the dog's identity is confirmed, either by microchip or recognised tattoo.
- General anaesthesia must be employed.
- Complete the ANKC Ltd CHEDS form (available from [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au)).
- Pay the veterinarian the respective fees, including CHEDS fee of \$100.00 for hips and elbows, \$80 for hips alone or \$25 for elbows alone.
- The veterinarian and owner will choose from the list of authorised readers on the ANKC website. (screen shot of the authorised readers included below)
- Results will be returned to the owner.

The Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland is still maintaining it's Health Register and will endeavour to do so while awaiting the ANKC publication of ORCHID (Officially Registered Canine Health Information Database).

Please submit copies of your dog's hip & elbow scores, ACES eye certification, and any other

certificates pertaining to health to the club Health Register for publication.

You can submit your certificates of health here <http://www.bsdcq.com/health-register.html>

View the results of Belgian Shepherds in the BSDCQ Health Register

[http://www.bsdcq.com/.../66.../health\\_register\\_2019\\_web\\_page.pdf](http://www.bsdcq.com/.../66.../health_register_2019_web_page.pdf)

Samples of health certificates here <http://www.bsdcq.com/health.html>

Details extracted from ANKC web site <http://ankc.org.au/HealthAndWelfare/?id=2516>



### CHEDS (Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme)

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