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Health Related Sites of Interest

Canine Eye Registration Foundation, Inc. (CERF)

Veterinary Medical Data Bases

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For matters related to the **CERF** exams and **CERF** certifications:

CERF@vmdb.org 765-494-8179 <http://www.vmdb.org/>

Maintains a registry of dogs that ACVO Diplomates examine and have found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease. Maintains a research database which consists of information that is generated by all examinations done by ACVO Diplomates.

Canine Health Foundation (American Kennel Club)

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AKC Canine Health Foundation

PO Box 37941 Raleigh, NC 27627-7941 (888) 682-9696 (573) 442-0418

Email: akcchf@aol.com <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

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OPTIGEN is a service company established to provide DNA based diagnoses and information about inherited diseases of purebred dogs.

We promise the highest quality diagnostic and testing services available in the fields of veterinary medical genetics and molecular diagnostics. Our testing procedures are developed by research scientists and veterinarians associated with OPTIGEN, and are extensively field-tested in cooperation with breeders of purebred dogs.

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)

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ofa@offa.org <http://www.offa.org/>

To collate and disseminate information concerning orthopedic and genetic diseases of animals.

To advise, encourage and establish control programs to lower the incidence of orthopedic and genetic diseases.

To encourage and finance research in orthopedic and genetic disease in animals.

To receive funds and make grants to carry out these objectives.

PennGen

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penngen@vet.upenn.edu <http://w3.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/penngen/>

The Section of Medical Genetics is dedicated to pursuing clinical and basic research on inheritable diseases of companion animals to better understand the disease processes and to develop novel therapeutic approaches. The Section of Medical Genetics is also involved in the areas of veterinary reproduction and pediatrics in order to care for patients with concerns in these areas, and to prepare veterinary students for patient problems in these areas once they graduate. The Section is located in The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

PennHIP

800-228-4305

<http://www.pennhip.org/>

PennHIP's mission is to develop and apply evidence based technology to direct appropriate breeding strategies aimed at reducing in frequency and severity the osteoarthritis of canine hip dysplasia. The beneficiaries of this effort will be the many dogs who suffer with this controllable genetic disease and, of course, the dogs' owners.

PennHIP incorporates a new method for evaluating the integrity of the canine hip. It is accurate in puppies as young as 16 weeks of age. It has great potential to lower the frequency of CHD when used as a selection criterion.

A complete list of PennHIP Veterinarians is available on this site.

VetGen, LLC

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<http://www.vetgen.com/>

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In a race against the many genetic diseases that affect purebred animals, we are working hard to expand the genetic disease detection services offered through VetGen. In addition to the research that is taking place in our own lab, we are seeking collaborations with other leading canine researchers so that ultimately their research may be offered to animal breeders and owners as well.

Canine Inherited Disorders Database

A database containing information on hereditary disorders in dogs.
All breeds are included along with suggestions to prevent and/or treat.
www.upei.ca/~cidd/intro.htm

Everything Vaccines

Educational information about Vaccines and the adverse reactions to over-vaccination.
www.dogsadversereactions.com/vaccines.html

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust

How Often Does He REALLY Need a Rabies Shot?

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. The goal is to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then to 7 years. This project depends primarily upon grassroots gifts for funding the costs of conducting the requisite vaccine trials. Our contributions to date have come mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals. The Challenge fund is a federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>

American Animal Hospital Association

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Phone (303) 986-2800 Fax (303) 986-1700
<http://www.AAHAnet.org>

American Veterinary Medical Association

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<http://www.avma.org>

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association

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National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America

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The Merck Veterinary Manual

50 years of animal health
www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp