

HIP GUARANTEE

Hip guarantee is up to 2 yrs. of age. You must feed a good quality Large Breed Puppy food for the first year.

If for some reason that your dog has any problems, they need to be x-rayed by a qualified veterinarian and x-rays sent to the OFA foundation to be reviewed and scored. Make sure your dog is not having any hormonal changes at time of x-ray. Female dogs that have just been thru a heat cycle or about to come into their heat cycle must not be x-rayed at this time, but must have at least a 6 week interval. This can severely affect your dogs x-rays. Confer with your veterinarian on this to pick the best time possible.

Dogs will only be replaced per the guarantee if the cause of hip dysplasia is caused by genetics and not by an environmental cause. Environmental causes are: Taking your puppy jogging with you, excessively long walks not suitable at that time for puppies age, making them jump excessively (making them jump hurdles, jump up for the running hose, jumping excessively in and out of vehicles multiple times a day), running up and down stairways excessively or putting them up on furniture where they may fall off and injure their young growing joints before they're ready to perform these functions. Teaching dog obedience and tricks are wonderful at this age, and after their first 1 yr. of age, you can even start to teach your dog agility or rally eventing. Just

use normal discretion with your puppy's age as to what they are capable of at their present age.

Make sure that your vet is qualified to take OFA X-rays. Please contact me if you would like a reference of where you should take your dog for their OFA films. All vets are "qualified" to take them, but if taken improperly this can result in your dog not passing their OFA certifications. Many dogs do not pass their OFA's due to improper positioning.