

#### 17.4 Motion:

“That the current regulation in regards to the correct labelling of x-rays submitted for the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme and positioning of animals for x-raying which reads as follows:-

#### **CORRECT LABELLING OF X-RAYS SUBMITTED FOR THE HIP AND ELBOW DYSPLASIA CONTROL SCHEME**

The x-rays submitted for assessment in the Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme are to be as follows; -

The radiographs SHALL be identified RADIOGRAPHICALLY with all of the following:

- a) the dog's GSDCA tattoo number
- b) the date
- c) right or left marker
- d) the dog's name

Please note: Incorrectly labeled films will not be accepted for reading and return to the Veterinarian/Owner for the animal to be re x-rayed.

#### **POSITION OF ANIMALS FOR X-RAYING**

##### **HD x-ray**

One view of the dog's pelvis is to be taken under general anaesthesia. A high quality radiograph is required and any incorrectly exposed or poorly positioned films will not be read but returned for re-x-raying. The radiograph should be repeated at the veterinarian's expense.

View: Extended Ventro-Dorsal pelvis

No other view will be accepted for assessment.

The radiograph should cover an area from the iliac crest to the stifle joint. The femora should be parallel to each other and the stifles rotated inward so that the patellae lie in the centre of the trochleae of the femora, Care should be taken to ensure that the pelvis is square and the femora are parallel to the cassette.

##### **Elbow X-ray:**

A fully flexed lateral view taken from the medial to the lateral.

The onus is on the Veterinarian to ensure the animal complies with the requirements of the GSDCA schemes.

Note: No attached labels are acceptable.

**BE REPLACED** with the revised requirements for the acceptance of x-ray plates and computer radiography (Digital x-rays) submitted to the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.

The revised requirement reads as follows:-

### **ACCEPTANCE OF X-RAYS PLATES AND COMPUTER RADIOGRAPHY GENERATED IMAGES (DIGITAL X-RAYS) SUBMITTED TO THE GSDCA HIP DYSPLASIA AND ELBOW DYSPLASIA CONTROL SCHEME**

“The x-ray plates/digital x-rays submitted for assessment in the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme are to be as follows: -

The radiographs **SHALL** be identified **RADIOGRAPHICALLY** with all of the following:

- a) the dog's GSDCA tattoo number
- b) the date
- c) right or left marker
- d) the dog's name
- e) State Contract Number

**Please note:** Incorrectly labeled x-rays and/or x-rays of poor quality (plates or digital) **will not** be accepted for reading and shall be returned by the reader to the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar. The Registrar shall then contact the Veterinarian/Owner advising them of the situation.

#### **Computer Radiography Generated Images (Digital X-rays)**

For computer radiography generated images (digital x-rays) to be accepted by the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme, the images must be of a **high quality** and saved as **DICOM Images**. (i.e. .dcm extension)

Images saved and forwarded **in any other format** will not be accepted for reading and shall be returned by the reader to the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar. The Registrar shall then contact the Veterinarian/Owner advising them of the situation.

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##### **View: Extended Ventro-Dorsal pelvis**

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Joylene explained the motion and that the digital radiographs had been thoroughly investigated and there is no way a radiograph can be changed and then saved back in DICOM format.

Queensland Club believed the motion should be heard in conjunction with motion 20.9, however South Australia agreed to withdraw 20.9.

Graeme Stevenson expressed the view of the League the concern that the veterinarians reading the radiographs have uniform equipment and are read uniformly. Joylene advised that she had spoken to the readers and they have the same software and so they will be uniform. Bruce and Joylene have done some tests this year with the same x-rays being sent to both readers and the differences were minimal.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**