



# EYE CERTIFICATION REGISTRY



## (ECR)

### THE ECR

OFA Eye Certification Registry exams are ophthalmic examinations, performed by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) Diplomates, to assess dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary eye disease. Dogs with normal exam results will receive OFA eye certification numbers valid for one year. Eye Certifications are an important part of the routine health screening practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies. The OFA's ECR has the full support of the ACVO.

### THE EXAM

The exam is performed after drops are placed in the eyes to dilate the pupils and consists of indirect ophthalmoscopy and slit lamp biomicroscopy. If a serious ocular health problem (such as glaucoma) is suspected during the ECR exam, a more comprehensive examination may be required.

## TO REGISTER ECR EXAM RESULTS

### ECR APPLICATION FORM

**STEP 1:**  
owner completes the left side of the form

**STEP 2:**  
eye exam is performed



**STEP 3:**  
ophthalmologist completes exam portion of the form

**STEP 4:**  
owner submits white copy to OFA for certification

After the examination, the ophthalmologist will complete the OFA ECR exam form and indicate any specific observable conditions found.

Breeding advice will be offered based on guidelines established for that particular breed by the Genetics Committee of the ACVO.

The forms are in triplicate. One copy is for the ophthalmologist's records, one is for the owner, and one is for the OFA's Clinical Database.

## BENEFITS OF THE ECR

- 🐾 The addition of eye exam results to the OFA's extensive databases of canine health screening results enhances the value of this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions.
- 🐾 For informed puppy buyers, the database provides documentation of a breeder's health screening efforts.
- 🐾 Results of all ECR exams are collected for statistical purposes to monitor ocular disease prevalence and progression, and are used by the Genetics Committee of the ACVO to establish breeding guidelines.
- 🐾 A portion of the proceeds from all ECR registrations will be donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination and treatment of ocular diseases.

The OFA is a not-for-profit foundation with the mission to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. The OFA currently maintains the world's largest online, publicly available database of canine health screening results.



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### FEES

- Initial Submissions: \$12
- Resubmissions: \$8
- Submission of non-passing results into the open database: **No Charge**