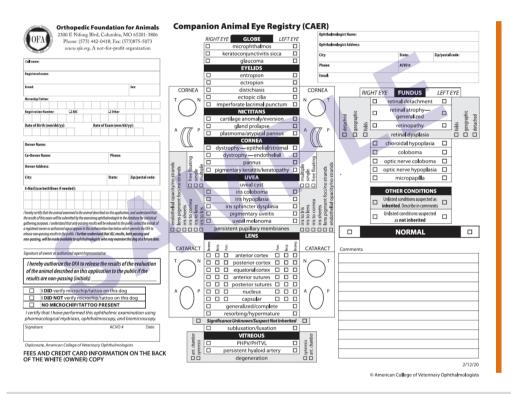


COMPANION ANIMAL EYE REGISTRY (CAER)

CAER OVERVIEW

OFA CAER exams are ophthalmic examinations performed by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologist (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 that are valid for one year. Eye certifications are an important part of the routine health screenings practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies.

CAER application forms are available in paper from veterinary ophthalmologists and an online version is also available through OFA Online. CAER applications can be created and submitted online at www.ofa.org/online.



EXAM OVERVIEW

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 exam, a more comprehensive exam may be required.

Following the examination, the ophthalmologist will complete the CAER exam form or record the results in OFA Online and indicate any specific observable conditions found.

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

THE BENEFITS

- The addition of eye exam results to OFA's databases of canine health screenings enhances the value of this important tool 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 CAER exams are collected for statistical purposes to monitor ocular disease prevalence and
 progression, and are used by the ACVO Genetics Committee to establish breeding guidelines.
- A portion of the proceeds from all CAER registrations are donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination and treatment of ocular disease in companion animals.

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 screen results.