

Heart Of Ohio Sussex Spaniel Club Star Breeder Program

This program indicates breeders who do testing on all potential breeding stock. Testing would include all dogs over the age of 2 years and any dog younger than 2 years that is being used for breeding purposes.

The critical tests/screening that are being recommended include: Cardiac, DNA, Elbows, Eyes, Hips , PDP1, and (BAER testing would be an additional +.) Completion of any of the above tests would qualify for a “Star” for that dog.

NOTE: Progeny of two clear PDP1 parents would automatically be awarded a PDP1 star.

The current criteria DOES NOT require that any test be passed, only that the testing be done. Disclosure of pass/fail information is strictly between the Breeder and any party the Breeder chooses to share the information with. No information on tests results will be disclosed by the HOSSC Star Breeder Coordinator.

Information for all completed tests would then be submitted to the HOSSC’s Star Breeder Program Coordinator for record keeping, tracking and updating. Submission of information is the sole responsibility of the Breeder. If a Breeder does not desire the results shared on the completed tests, the actual results can be blacked out before submittal.

If there are multiple dogs in a kennel that are being used for breeding, the Star rating would be calculated for the dog with the fewest points. The maximum number of stars a Breeder can be awarded, at this time, is 6+.

Example: Two dogs in a kennel. The dog has been tested for Cardiac, DNA, Eyes, Hips, and PDP1 (5 Star). The bitch has had the following tests: Baer, Cardiac, Eyes, Hips, and PDP1 (4+ star). The Breeder is considered a 4+ Star Breeder because the other “breeding stock”, the dog, is only a 4+ Star.

Another example: There is one dog that is breeding stock. The dog has been tested for Baer, Cardiac, DNA, Elbows, Eyes, Hips, and PDP1. I would be a 6+ star breeder.