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## **Wilson Veterinary Hospital Breeding Candidate Requirements**

At Wilson Veterinary Hospital, our goal in serving the breeding community is to promote and support the breeding of healthy, happy dogs. Your dog's overall health and well-being are very important to us, as well as the health and well-being of any puppies resulting from our services. Below, we have provided an outline of the requirements and guidelines for animals who are being considered as breeding animals.

- All breeding animals must be current on reproduction exam (which must be renewed each breeding cycle), rabies vaccine, and heartworm test. We can run a heartworm test at the time of the first progesterone for a breeding cycle. However, if the test results are positive for heartworm, breeding services will be discontinued.
- Breeding animals must be of sound temperament. They must permit examination, blood draws, semen collection, and insemination without sedation or excessive restraint. If the dog poses a safety risk to our staff or equipment, breeding services will be discontinued.
- Breeding animals must be in sound body condition, and must not have any medical conditions that are not well-managed. Our doctors reserve the right to deny reproductive services to any animal based on health issues.
- If a heart murmur is diagnosed upon exam, breeding animals will be required to be cleared by a board-certified cardiologist in order to pursue breeding services.
- We strongly recommend that all breeding animals have full health testing as is required by their breed's parent club (you can find these requirements based on breed at ofa.org). We do provide testing for a number of these conditions.

We look forward to assisting you on the path to accomplishing the goals of your breeding program.