

Boxer Health Testing				
these tests are recommended for dogs in an active breeding program and each dog must be identified with a microchip				
<p>All hearts should be auscultated at each veterinary visit.</p> <p>This is particularly important prior to any surgery, If a murmur is detected the dog should be evaluated to determine the cause and significance of the murmur. Murmurs may be innocent (“flow” murmurs) or may be an indication of structural heart disease such as aortic stenosis, sub aortic stenosis, septal defects or defects of the mitral, tricuspid or pulmonic valves.</p> <p>Echo with Doppler measurements can accurately find and Diagnose the origin of murmurs that cannot always be heard or diagnosed by auscultation alone</p> <p>Current information is that AS/SAS may develop upon sexual maturity in dogs that were previously tested clear, thus the new recommendation for 24 mos. minimum age.</p>				
Condition Tested	Test Used	Recommended Age	Frequency	
Aortic Valve Disease AS / SAS	Auscultation / Doppler ¹	None	Once	
	Auscultation & Doppler Echocardiogram ¹	24 months		
Boxer Cardiomyopathy 1 ARVC (only) Recommended	Holter Monitor	12 months	Annually for Breeding	
	DNA (swab)	None	Once	
Hypothyroidism	Full Thyroid Panel	2 years	Annually for Breeding	
Degenerative Myelopathy Recommended	DNA (swab)	None	Once	
Hip/ Elbow Dysplasia	Radiograph	2 years	Once	
	Radiograph	6 months (minimum)	Once	