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To Whom It May Concern:

This statement has been voted on and approved by the current Board of the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America, Inc. on September 25, 2017.

## **DDBSA Health Statement**

The Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America is the AKC parent club for the Dogue de Bordeaux in the United States. As part of our club's goal to preserve and protect our breed we encourage Dogue de Bordeaux breeder members to complete the recommended pre-breeding health tests on their Dogue de Bordeaux and to share the results of these tests on a public, searchable database such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) database. <http://www.ofa.org>.

The DDBSA recommends the following health screens, which are the same for the CHIC program (CHIC requires public results) elbows and shoulders x-rays from OFA and hips OFA or Penn HIP, and an echo cardiogram exam by board certified cardiologist.

The following health screen are optional but are highly recommended prior to any breeding:

1. An OFA patellar luxation
2. An OFA yearly evaluation from an approved laboratory for autoimmune thyroiditis
3. A regular eye examination by a board certified ACVO Ophthalmologist

Dogue de Bordeaux are generally healthy dogs however, cancer, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, shoulder dysplasia, congenital heart diseases, thyroid conditions, and eye conditions are diseases which are known to affect the breed. While health testing does not guarantee that a dog will not develop any of these issues, knowing the results allows breeders and puppy buyers to make informed decisions. Responsible breeders strive to reduce the possibility of breeding puppies that are affected by these diseases. Epilepsy and immune system problems have also occurred and should be noted when produced.

Sincerely,

Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America, Inc.

ANGIE REED  
Corresponding Secretary