

The HD/ED 'a' stamp, OCD, LUW tests are offered by the SV in Germany and is available through USCA for German Shepherd Dogs residing in the United States.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. **DOGS MUST BE SEDATED DURING HIP XRAY PROCEDURE**
2. Only German Shepherd Dogs may apply for this program.
3. On the day the x-ray is taken, the dog must be at least one year of age or older.
4. Only German Shepherd Dogs with registration papers/pedigree(s) recognized by the SV Office can participate. That means either SV registration papers or a pedigree that was issued in a foreign country by an organization that is a member of the FCI.
5. All German Shepherd Dogs x-rayed for this program must be visibly tattooed or microchipped.
6. Once submitted, the x-rays become the property of the SV Office where they are kept on file. All original documents submitted for this program will be returned to the owner by the USA Office.

The following information MUST be exposed on the identification plate of the x-ray to process:

1. Complete registered name of the dog, as it appears on the registration papers/pedigree
2. Registration number
3. Tattoo and/or microchip number
4. Date of birth
5. Date the X-ray was taken
6. Name of current owner
7. Name of veterinarian, business address and/or hospital/clinic
 - o X-rays being submitted that have missing information, please contact the USCA Office for further instructions. X-rays that have been altered after exposure will not be accepted and returned to the owner

An official form/letter from your veterinarian on his/her letterhead must state the following:
official form may also be obtained on USCA website

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1. Confirmation from the veterinarian that he/she verified the identity of the dog presented to them by means of the tattoo and/or microchip number, dog's full registered name, and registration number.
2. Notation from the veterinarian stating that the dog WAS sedated for the x-ray procedure. **According to new SV requirements dogs MUST be sedated for the hips x-rays**
3. Authorization (signatures) from the owner/co-owner(s) that all information within the identification plate AND within the veterinarian's letter has met their approval to be forwarded onto the SV office in Germany for processing.

If the above information is not provided along with the HD/ED x-rays, they cannot be processed.

Digital X-Rays: As of 2017 the SV now prefers digital over films. The veterinarian must be preapproved by the SV.

If applying for the "a" stamp, please submit the following to the USCA Office:

- Proof of current USCA Membership (photo copy of card)
- Original x-ray(s) *Digital films will be forwarded to the SV Office buy your veterinarian
- Original recognized registration papers including pedigree must reflect current owner