

# Northern Japanese Spitz Club (K.C. Registered 2008)



## Patella Subluxation testing form for Japanese Spitz over 12 months of age

Registered name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

KC Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip/tattoo No: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I hereby declare the dog I have submitted for examination is the one described above.
- All dogs must be either micro-chipped or tattooed
- I agree that the result may be published for Japanese Spitz information **YES/NO**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Veterinary Surgeons Declaration

I confirm that I have checked the Microchip/tattoo number of the dog and the information above with the Kennel Club Registration Document. At the time of examination I was unable to detect any evidence of surgical interference/intervention in either stifle. The Japanese Spitz is over 12 month old.

Weight of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Normal/Overweight/Underweight \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered: YES/NO

The above dog was checked for patella luxation using the Putman 1968 scoring system as detailed overleaf.

Score: Left: \_\_\_\_\_ (range 0 - 4) Right: \_\_\_\_\_ (range 0 - 4)

Relevant comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Putman (1968) Scoring System

Grade 0	Normal
Grade 1	The patella luxates manually but spontaneously returns to the trochlea when released.
Grade 2	The patella luxates spontaneously or on manipulation and remains luxated at a certain angle of the stifle joint. It is either spontaneously reduced on active flexion or extension, or can manually be reduced by the examiner.
Grade 3	The patella remains luxated most/all of the time but can be manually reduced. However, relaxation occurs spontaneously.
Grade 4	The patella is permanently luxated and cannot be manually repositioned.
<p>Note: Grade 1 &amp; 2 are considered as intermittent PL; whilst Grade 3 &amp; 4 are considered as permanent PL.</p>	

**Notes:**

- Grade 1      This will cause an intermittent skipping style of lameness of variable frequency but generally of short duration.
  
- Grade 2      The patella tends to 'lock-out' for longer periods with the result that the patient carries the limb with the knee generally flexed for longer periods.
  
- Grade 3      As the patella does not sit within the groove at all then the patients often present with a crouched stance if both knees are affected or may carry the limb if just one knee is affected.
  
- Grade 4      This grade is a more severe presentation of Grade 3 where the knee is more deformed with bending and twisting of the thigh bone and shin bone.

As with all medical conditions correct weight management will aid your dog.

Results will be treated in utmost confidence unless you agree to publication overleaf.

Please submit a copy of this completed form to either:-	
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