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The United States Australian Shepherd Association is committed to the continued health of Australian Shepherds. Therefore, we use a guideline for necessary testing and we strongly urge breeders to also test for the optional items. These tests are important so that we can help protect the future of the breed and give them the best chance for a healthy, long life. When searching Australian Shepherd breeders, be sure to get documentation that the parents have been tested for the following:

**Required Testing:**

OFA Evaluation for Dysplasia of Hips

OFA Evaluation for Dysplasia of Elbows

Annual eye evaluation (CERF) by a Board Certified Canine Ophthalmologist and that the exam is registered with OFA

**Optional (highly recommended):**

Hereditary Cataracts (HSF4)

Multi Drug Sensitivity (MDR1)

Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA)

This Health Statement approved by The United States Australian Shepherd Association Board of Directors