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### **PRE-BREEDING EXAM: MALE**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE PRE-BREEDING EXAM:**

To determine whether the dog is capable of breeding. This is important for both first-time breedings and for those males that have not been used for breeding for over one year. It is also recommended when planning to send out chilled semen for an upcoming breeding.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE PRE-BREEDING EXAM:**

An evaluation of medical and reproductive history. A general examination and reproductive examination. Semen collection and complete evaluation. When planning a chilled semen breeding, we will usually also do a chill-test and evaluate the semen for quality after 24 and 48 hours. We can also draw blood for canine brucellosis testing when indicated. (Brucella is a bacteria that is transmitted by exposure to infected secretions, semen and urine, so even previously unused dogs should be tested)

#### **WHAT TO BRING TO THE EXAM:**

Medical records of any prior semen evaluations and general health information that may be important for the upcoming breeding. Ideally, if you can also provide a "teaser-bitch" (a female in estrus) for that exam, the semen collection process may be more successful.

#### **WHEN TO SCHEDULE:**

Usually 1-2 months prior to the upcoming breeding. This will allow for time to repeat the exam if the semen quality is in question and to possibly treat a problem if diagnosed.