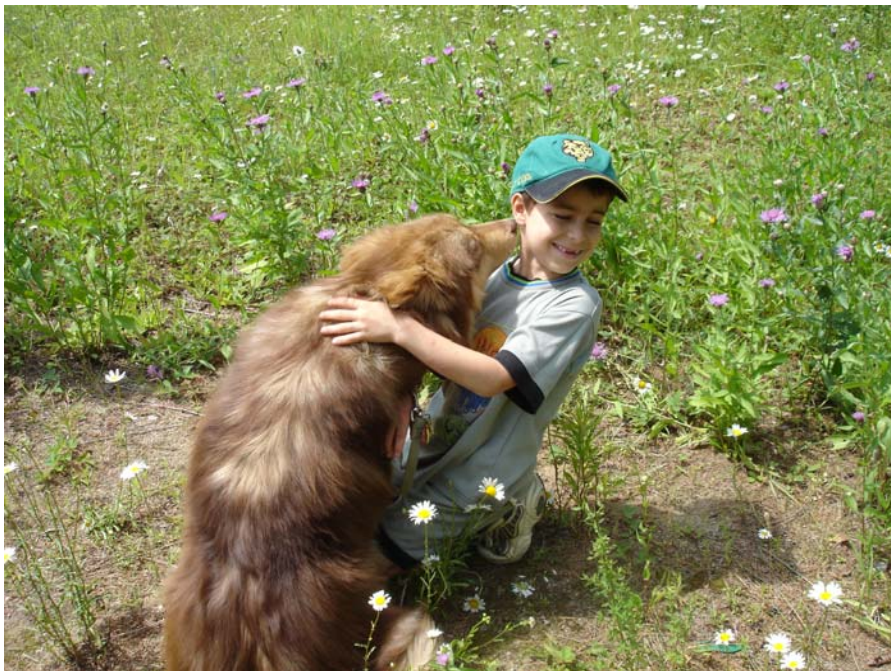


## The importance of genetic tests in dog breeding.

Why would you do health tests of your pet?

Your dog is a happy healthy one and you have no interest in breeding... why testing?

Most people get a pet for a reason: to have a companion to adore, to love and to share their life with it. Getting a specific breed of dog usually involves interest and begun with researching and understanding of the breed. You choose this special breed because it matched your needs and desires. You choose our family kennel because you felt comfortable with us and you perceived the real love we have for the breed and our dogs.



Olivier & Finnish Lapphund : *Sagaberran Eahktraoddi*

I explained you why it is so important for me to produce great quality companions by our exchanged emails and talks. You understand that there has been put a tremendous amount of energy into this breed and surely agree that the breed is simply wonderful. I think it is fair to honour the effort of our *Eurasia reg'd* family breeding program by cooperating just a little bit and helping our line to stay healthy. You should look beyond your own dog, and see it as part of a breed and a breeding program... not only as your beloved companion.

I know there will always be people who don't understand my reasons behind this request, but if at least 70% of *Eurasia reg'd* puppy's owners do these tests, that would help tremendously. I know you ask :

*Who is going to pay for the x-rays? Who is going to pay for the vet's exam?*

When they sell their puppies, some breeders ask a higher sale's price to offer to their puppy's owners a partial refund once the tests are done. I don't offer any refund for genetic test because I don't ask people a higher price.

If you think a little bit, you will realize that in fact, these breeders will never refund the full expenses of these tests. The refund they offer to their puppy owners will cover only a part of them. It can easily cost about \$500 to make these tests. By chance they don't need to be done all at the same time!

I charge a fair price for well socialized puppies, raised in home environment, in a holistic way and sold with a lifetime guarantee. I find it kind of unfair when people expect healthy puppies, health guarantees, great socialization, help & support in case of problem and when comes their turn, they are not willing to contribute to our *Eurasia* breeding program by cooperating with the health tests.



*Eurasier : Luna Nueva Shaggy v Eurasia*

Health data is a matter of choice but also awareness, commitment and responsibility toward the breed. This is the real love of a breed. Do you love sharing your family life with your *Eurasia* friend?

If so, when your friend will be gone in the doggie heaven, would you like to share your home with another one? Would you like that puppy to be as healthy as possible even it comes from another breeder? If your answer is yes, you should be proud to do the extra mile for the benefit of its lineage and the breed.

Remember... every breed is unique and every owner has a responsibility about it.

Even you'll never breed your *Eurasia* puppy; tests are the best way to evaluate the offspring. Breeding obviously involves more than only bringing a male and a female together. It is also important to evaluate the offspring and it involves the participation of the owners. Too many 'bad' genes are recessive. This means that, even I do test my adults prior to breed them, a genetic problem may develop in your puppy.

*Eurasia reg'd* family works with the owners to help and advise them because I want healthy puppies for them.

Testing after 12 months of age is the best time. If you plan to spay/neuter your puppy and can wait until it has 12 months, you can also plan to make hip x-rays then. If you do not want to subject your dog to anaesthesia or sedative only for the purpose of the hip x-ray, I completely respect that. But if you need to have your dog under anaesthesia or sedative for some other reason at some point in your dog's life, I sincerely hope you would take that opportunity to get this x-ray done.



Alexandre & Finnish Lapphund : *Sugarok New Love of Eurasia*

Fault always falls on the breeder when a puppy develops a genetic problem... even when the breeder is doing his best to breed only healthy dogs. Please never forget that the responsibility for the breed's health falls on ALL of us.

Tests are the only way for breeders to know exactly:

- What she/he have in its breed line,
- Where she/he goes in its breeding program.

Tests are the only way to improve the breeder's work... and these may have a direct effect on the breed's gene pool too. Health data helps breeder to be sure she/he still continue to produce healthy puppies. It guides her/his choices for future mating.

If you own an *Eurasia* puppy, ask for *Eurasia's Puppy Health Form* by emailing me at [eurasiakennel@gmail.com](mailto:eurasiakennel@gmail.com)

The puppy needs to be at least 12 month old prior to fill the *Puppy Health Form*. If you prefer to have your vet fill it, think about it when you will do your puppy's next health check-up or vaccination.

When the *Puppy Health Form* will be filled, I will appreciate you send it back to me for our *Eurasia's* health data. Thank you for your help in our *Eurasia's* breeding program by providing your puppy's information.

Sincerely

*Johanne Parent*  
*Eurasia reg'd*



Three week old Finnish Lapphund puppies .

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