

regarding the existence of DJD in the hip joint.

The radiographs above are of the same dog, yet the hip joint laxities (looseness) in each view look very different. Notice that the hips in the distraction view appear to be much looser than they do in the hip-extended view. On average the distraction view has been shown to reveal 2.5 - 11 times more hip laxity (depending on breed) than the hip-extended view. Also the PennHIP method can measure the laxity of a hip joint with greater precision than the hip-extended method. The degree of hip joint laxity, as measured by the PennHIP method, has been shown to be the most important risk factor in determining whether a dog is prone to developing CHD.

To summarize, the PennHIP method:

Obtains DJD readings from the standard hip-extended view

Obtains hip joint congruity readings from the compression view

Obtains quantitative measurements of hip joint laxity from the distraction view

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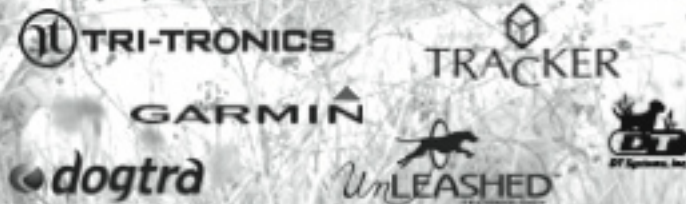


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