**The Japanese Spitz Club**

Patella Subluxation testing form for Japanese Spitz

(over 12 months old)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY OWNER**

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

KC REG NO………………………..……………………………………...MICROCHIP NO……………………………………………………

SEX………………………..……………………DATE OF BIRTH…………………………………….……………………………………………

OWNER(S)NAME……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

ADDRESS………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..………………

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I AGREE THAT THE RESULT MAY BE PUBLISHED FOR JS INFORMATION (YES/NO)

**VETERINARY SURGEON’S DECLARATION**

I can confirm that I have checked the microchip number of the dog and that 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 months of age.

Neutered (Yes/No):

 SCORE: LEFT ……………………………...………… (Range 0-4) RIGHT……………..…………..……………..(Range 0-4)

NAME……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

ADDRESS/STAMP………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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SIGNATURE …………………………………………………………………………………………………DATE…………………………………

Please send completed form to Secretary Mrs. Anne KIRTON, 25 Arnett Avenue, FINCHAMPSTEAD,

Wokingham Berks RG40 4EG or **email** japspitz1@gmail.com.

**PUTMAN (1968) SCORING SYSYTEM**

**GRADE O** NORMAL

**GRADE 1** THE PATELLA LUXATES MANUALLY BUT SPONTANEOUSLY RETURNS TO THE TROCHILEA

 WHEN RELEASED.

**GRADE 2**. THE PATELLA LAXATES SPONTANEOUSLY OR ON MANPULATION AND REMAINS LUXATED

 AT A CERTAIN ANGLE OF THE STIFLE JOINT IT IS EITHER SPONTANEOUSLY REDUCED ON

 ACTIVE FLEXION ORCAN MANUALLY BE REDUCED BY EXAMINER.

**GRADE 3**. THE PATELLA REMAINS LUXATED MOST/ALL OF THE TIME BUT CAN BE MANUALLY

 REDUCED, HOWEVER, RELAXTAION OCCURS SPONTANEOUSLY.

**GRADE 4**. THE PATELLA IS PERMANTELY LUXATED AND CANNOT BE MANUALLY REPOSTIONED.

**NB Grade 1 & 2 are considered as intermittent PL, whilst Grade 3& 4 are considered as permanent**

 **PL.**

 **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 times the patient often presents 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 more serve presentation of Grade 3where 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..**