



Article of Interest



The founding mission of CARE is to provide practical, evidence-based information for vets and pet owners caring for dogs with OA. Each month, we will share a published article that relates to OA. Most articles will be specifically about canine OA diagnosis and treatment, but we will also dig into the translational research.

That means we'll occasionally share an article from a human or equine medical journal if the topic is relevant to canine OA. Articles may be hot off the press, or may be "oldies but goodies." As always, you can find a long list of references, for dog owners [here](#) and veterinary professionals [here](#).

This month's article: Correlation between hip joint laxity and subsequent coxarthrosis in dogs

Authors: M A Flückiger, et al

Journal: Journal of Veterinary Medicine Series A

Year: 2010

Key findings:

- There was a positive correlation ($r = 0.58$) between the degree of subluxation (SI) and the subsequent Canine hip dysplasia (CHD) grade.
- All dogs with an SI value of up to 0.35 developed hip joints ranging between normal and mildly dysplastic at worst. Of the dogs with an SI value higher than 0.35, 76% developed hip dysplasia.
- Of those 40 dogs grading normal or borderline normal on standard radiographs, 15% demonstrated lax hip joints with an SI of more than 0.35. Breed-specific differences in the correlation of degree of hip joint laxity to the development of coxarthrosis were noted.

[Read the abstract here.](#)

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When to Refer to a Surgeon or Rehabilitation Professional



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In this article, we review:

- When you should consider referring a patient to a surgeon or rehabilitation specialist
- Examples of situations where a specialist is warranted
- Other useful resources for canine rehabilitation
- Who you should be referring to for specific cases
- Important certifications and specialties to consider for your patients
- And more.

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