## **CARDIAC CLEARANCES**

Congenital heart diseases in dogs may be present at birth and develop or change over time. Many congenital defects are thought to be genetically transmitted however the exact mode of inheritance has not been precisely determined for all cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Marco Margiocco, the Cardiology specialist at Canada West Veterinary Specialists <a href="http://canadawestvets.com/meet-our-team/departments/cardiology/dr-marco-l-margiocco">http://canadawestvets.com/meet-our-team/departments/cardiology/dr-marco-l-margiocco</a>, recommends auscultation after 12 months of age to rule out congenital defects.

The standard Cardiac Exam: http://www.offa.org/cardiac\_exam.html



Healso recommends having an Echo Ultrasound Heart Analysis performed to get a more complete picture of the individual's heart <a href="http://www.offa.org/pdf/cardapp">http://www.offa.org/pdf/cardapp</a> <a href="bw.pdf">bw.pdf</a>

The Echocardiographic Exam: <a href="http://www.offa.org/cardiac\_echo.html">http://www.offa.org/cardiac\_echo.html</a>



A Holteris a final test that is used to determine heart rhythm over a longer period of timeof either 24 or 48 hours. This is used to identify any electrical/rhythmic defects.



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