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## **How to have your cat checked for HD**

Talk to your regular veterinary and make an appointment for X-raying the hips and - unless it has already been done - to microchip or tattoo the cat for a permanent ID.

Before you go to your appointment, you should however download the form and information from the health programme. It is important that you have the right form, so that your veterinary will know where to send the form to together with the X-rays. The form is attached in this document. Please, do not use old forms, but download an up to date file!

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The cat should be no younger than 10 months for an official result in the registry of the health programme. Audell has done this adjustment in the recommendations due to the fact that there is no prominent difference in the X-ray result between 10 months and 1 year of age.

NOTE! The cat must have a permanent ID (microchip or tattoo).

Even though the health programme is run by a Maine Coon breed club, cats of any breed are welcome to participate. We have the same fee and rules regardless of the breed.

If you want an X-ray picture for your own files, you had better ask your veterinary to make an extra one, because those sent in to the health programme for evaluation will be kept in an archive by the health programme, for future reference and research. X-rays that have been sent in will not be returned.

If your veterinarian utilises digital X-ray equipment it is important that each picture is saved on an individual CD, in order for Audell to make the grading. The results of the pictures should be provided within ten working days if the X-rays have been sent as developed X-ray film or as a printed digital picture on photo paper. If the pictures as digital images on CD it usually takes up to three weeks before you will have a result, due to large variation in programs needed to open the digital images depending on manufacturer of the X-ray equipment.

Before you go to your veterinary for the X-ray, you should fill in the fields in the frame on the form with the headline "To be filled in by the owner". Don't forget to sign at the bottom of this frame! It is **not** optional to sign. If you do not want to participate in the health programme or you don't accept the terms, you should neither use the form of the health programme nor send X-rays to us for evaluation.

The fee for the evaluation should be paid in advance to Maine Coon-katten's account. Please, note the cat's name on the payment! A reminder for a missing payment might be sent out immediately when the result has arrived at the registrar's (see fee below).

When you go to your veterinary for the X-rays, you should bring the following with you:

- The form from Maine Coon-katten (the Swedish MC club), filled in and signed
- The info paper to the veterinary
- The pedigree certificate of the cat
- If the ID number is not mentioned on the pedigree certificate, you must also bring the official ID registration depending on the procedure used in your country or cat club.

Your veterinary should then send the X-rays and the form to the Swedish specialist Lars Audell. His address is printed on the form.

**Prices (stamps included):**

Evaluation of the first cat ( <b>evalutaion result will be sent to owner without extra fee</b> )	SEK 140
Evaluation of the 2nd, 3rd,... cat, evaluated at the same time	SEK 105/cat
Printed list of results from the registry (by mail)	SEK 50
List of results, emailed from the registrar (PDF file)	SEK 0
Payment reminder	SEK 20

Bank fees are not included in the prices above. The owner should pay all such fees, including fees for the recipient if there are any. Please, contact our treasurer (see name and address below) before paying if your your bank can't give clear answers to whether all fees are covered by you or not.

**Within Sweden**

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**Other countries**

Bank: Nordea, IBAN: SE70 9500 0099 6026 4618 6979, BIC: NDEASESS

If you have any questions regarding payment, you are welcome to contact our treasurer, Camilla Bengtsson. Any surplus money from the health programmes will be used for research and seminars relating to feline health issues.

The result of the evaluation will be sent to the cat owner as soon as the club has received the fee and when the registrar of the health programme has received the result from Dr. Lars Audell. The registrar for this health programme is Malin Sundqvist, email: hdreg@dagdrivarn.se, phone: +46 31 54 28 40, +46 762 23 58 80. All X-rays sent in will be kept in an archive by the club. All results will be registered in an open registry.

**Good luck!****Contact information for the Swedish MC club's treasurer**

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## Information to the veterinary who is to X-ray the cat

Maine Coon-katten is a breed club for Maine Coon cats in Sweden. We started a health programme against hip dysplasia in Maine Coons 1 January 2000. Even though the health programme was initially started for Maine Coon cats, cats of other breeds are just as welcome to participate in this programme.

We have a special agreement with the X-ray consultant Dr. Lars Audell, who does all the hip evaluations for us. In order to get more equal level on the ratings it is very important to have one single person who will grade the hips of all the cats in the health programme. The grading scale is well documented, since Maine Coon-katten keeps all the X-rays in an archive.

Below is a short description of how the cat should be X-rayed and how the form should be used.

NOTE! The cat must have a permanent ID (microchip or tattoo).

We recommend to give the cat some medication to make it calm, the cat does not have to be sedated.

Regarding the positioning of the cat, the criteria are the same as for dogs: pelvis and knees should show on the picture, the legs should be parallel, and the knee cap should show in the middle of the femur, i.e. the legs should not be rotated outwards or inwards. The cat's ID number and the date of the examination date should be marked on the X-rays in a permanent way. It is recommended to expose that info into the X-ray film (for digital pictures this is obligatory). If there is room for it, it is good if the cat's name and registration number is also given on the X-rays. Some clinics have changed to digital X-ray equipment. In these cases it is highly important that the X-rays are saved as individual files on individual CDs, in order for Audell to evaluate the X-rays. Any changes will be announced in an update of this information, the latest version can be downloaded from <http://www.pawpeds.com/healthprogrammes/forms.html>.

The grading we use is based on the same criteria as for dogs, except that due to a slightly different anatomy the so called "Norberg's angle" does not work. Because of this we do not use the ABCD scale, but a scale of "normal", "borderline", "grade 1", "grade 2", and "grade 3".

Please, check that the information on the pedigree/ID certificate and the actual ID number in the cat matches the information given by the owner on the form. It is also important that you check that the owner has signed the form before you start the examination. In order to get decent statistics it is important that the X-rays from all the examinations are sent in. For this reason the X-rays should always be sent in by the veterinary who made the examination.

The X-rays and the form should be sent to the following address:

Lars Audell, Veterinär AB  
Gudby Gård  
SE-194 92 UPPLANDS VÄSBY  
Sweden

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the registrar of the health programme, Malin Sundqvist, e-mail: [hdreg@dagdrivarn.se](mailto:hdreg@dagdrivarn.se), phone: +46 31 54 28 40, +46 762 23 58 80.



# MAINE COON-KATTEN

## Hip Dysplasia Testing for Cat

To be filled in by the owner
Owner's name
Address
Postcode/City/State
Country
Phone (including country code)
Email
Cat's registered name
Registration number
ID number, microchip or tattoo
Breed of cat
Sex Male      Female
Born (year-month-day)
Sire
Dam
I have read Maine Coon-katten's instructions for hip dysplasia testing and accept the terms. I give my permission for placing the result in Maine Coon-katten's health database and to make the result public and for Maine Coon-katten to retain the X-rays.
<b>Signature</b> X

Information
All fields must be completed. The form must be signed by the owner.
Send the completed form and X-rays to: Lars Audell Veterinär AB Gudby Gård SE-194 92 Upplands Väsby Sweden
Payment for evaluation should be made to Maine Coon-katten in advance. If your country doesn't have an agreement, please contact our treasurer before using our service.

To be filled in by the examiner
Clinic
Address
Postcode/City/State
Country
Phone (including country code)
Examination date (year-month-day)
Clinical hip status Normal      Not examined
Limping/pain Left      Right
Remarks
I hereby certify that the identity of this cat has been checked against the pedigree.
<b>Signature</b> X
Examiner's name in block letters

Result					
Left side	Normal	Borderline	1	2	3
Right side	Normal	Borderline	1	2	3
Remarks					
Signature	Date				
Lars Audell					