

An Approximate Comparison between the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) Hip Rating System and the European Hip Rating System

The scientific method employed for the Hip Evaluation System as conducted in European countries is performed with the use of radiographs taken similarly to the method of evaluation for incidence of canine hip dysplasia as employed by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) in the USA. However, in each European country the radiographs of each canine subject are interpreted under a letter rating scale from A to E, with each assigned letter rating being divided into two subcategories. There is no widely accepted comparable scientific method for evaluation of canine hip dysplasia employed in Europe which is similar to the system utilized by the University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program (commonly referenced as PennHIP). Below is a rough approximate comparison chart between the OFA and the European Hip Rating Scales and a separate Chart listing the European Numerical Rating System. This was supplied years ago by a veterinarian.

OFA-USA Rating	Comparable European Rating	European Numerical Rating System
Normal- Excellent	A-1	* Normal 1
		2
Good	A-2	
		1
Fair	B-1	* Transitional B
		2
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Borderline	B-2	* Dysplastic C
		2
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Dysplastic-Mild	C1-2	* Dysplastic D
		2
Moderate	D1-2	
		1
Severe	E1-2	* Dysplastic E
		2