

Hip X-rays: The Importance of Radiographic Positioning, *continued*

So *how* does this happen?

Let me first show you an x-ray image (at right) of a dog I x-rayed for OFA that got an excellent OFA grade.

This x-ray isn't perfect, but it closely conforms to the OFA required position.

The OFA Hip Application form states the following in reference to positioning:

"Dorsal recumbency with the rear legs *extended and parallel* to each other is the preferred positioning. This standard ventrodorsal view is the basis for evaluation of hip joint status with respect to hip dysplasia. Care should be exercised to be sure the pelvis is not tilted."



Now, what do I see in the real world?