Additional file 2: Table S2 The criteria of orthopaedic examinations

Score criteria

Lameness score

- 0. Normal stance and normal lameness
- 1. Normal stance, but lameness after exercise
- 2. Normal stance, but slight lameness when walking
- 3. Normal or abnormal stance, but moderate lameness when walking
- 4. Abnormal stance and severe lameness when walking
- 5. Reluctant to rise, stand and walk

Weight bearing score

- 0. Full weight-bearing
- 1. Partial weight-bearing
- 2. Slight weight-bearing
- 3. Toe-touch weight bearing
- 4. Intermittent weight-bearing
- 5. Non weight-bearing

Pain score on palpation

- 0. No response
- 1. Tension and spasm of partial thigh muscles
- 2. Mild tension and spasm of entire thigh muscles and dog turns head in recognition
- 3. Moderate tension and spasm of entire thigh muscles and dog pulls limb away
- 4. Severe tension and spasm of entire thigh muscles and dog vocalize or become aggressive