To Whom It May Concern,

On March 14, 2018, I had the opportunity to examine and evaluate “Earl”, a 7 month old intact male Labrador Retriever owned by Tammy Smith for some lameness to the right hind limb that did not resolve with rest and activity restriction recommended by the previous veterinarian.

Earl was a very bright and happy puppy with strong and appropriate vitals but did have some subtle lameness to the R hind limb and he was painful upon manipulation (specifically extension) of the hind limb.

We sedated Earl and obtained radiographs of his stifles and pelvis. While his stifles were normal, radiographs revealed strong evidence of hip dysplasia including shallow acetabulum and very poor to absent femoral head coverage, especially on the right side where there was no acetabular coverage. There was also some femoral head flattening bilaterally.

Earl was discharged on some anti-inflammatories and the owner was instructed to limit strenuous exercise.

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Aaron T. Pollock, DVM