



Chinook Club of America

Health Statement

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The Board of Directors of Chinook Club of America (CCA) is dedicated to preserving and protecting the Chinook Breed and recommends certain health testing for our Chinooks. Hip dysplasia, eye issues, the MDR1 mutation and chondrodysplasia are disorders identified in the breed. Testing provides owners and breeders with information to benefit the breed and that will help the individual dog.

In addition to our recommended testing for these identified breed health issues, we've included a list of suggested testing for health concerns on our "watch list". We want to identify any occurrence in the Chinook, look for trends, and we want to be ready if and when these issues appear in our breed, or should they become increasingly harmful to the well-being and purpose of the breed. Our health statement will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

CCA encourages Chinook breeders and owners to take an interest in breed health concerns and to place a [CHIC](#) certification on their Chinooks. A Chinook achieves a CHIC certification if he or she has been screened for each health concern that is recommended by the AKC parent club and those results are publicly available in the OFA data base. To qualify, dogs must also have a permanent ID. (See the Chinook's [recommended screenings](#) on the OFA CHIC website, as well as the list we've included here.)

CCA supports the following health testing for the Chinook, with both normal and abnormal results recorded with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). For direct mutation gene tests only, the OFA will issue clearances to untested offspring: [Learn more.](#) Check [here](#) for a list of clinics offering testing and [here](#).

- **Hip Dysplasia** (One from the following hip tests)
OFA Evaluation
PennHIP Evaluation
- **ACVO Eye Examination**
Eye Examination by a Board Certified ACVO Ophthalmologist.
- **MDR1 (Multi-Drug Resistance 1)**
DNA based test by an approved lab: [Learn more.](#)
- **Chondrodysplasia**
DNA based test by an approved lab.

Additional testing and participation are suggested for the following:

- OFA Elbow Dysplasia Evaluation
- OFA Patellar Luxation Evaluation
- AKC DNA Profile: [Learn more.](#)
- Cardiac Evaluation: Basic and/or Advanced Exam by a cardiologist.
- CHIC DNA Repository (by blood sample or cheek swab): [Learn more.](#)
- Degenerative Myelopathy (DM): DNA based test by an approved lab.
- CDDY/IVDD 1 (Intervertebral Disc Disease): DNA based test by an approved lab.
- Autoimmune Thyroiditis: testing by an approved laboratory.

Anecdotal data with a signed veterinary diagnosis is being solicited at OFA for the following conditions: Epilepsy/Chinook Seizures, Cryptorchidism and Allergies.

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