

Papillon Club of America Health & Genetics



WHAT IS CHIC ?

In order to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists that will assist in breeding healthy dogs, the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals have set up the Canine Health Information Center, or CHIC program. The Papillon Club of America has joined in the pilot phase of the CHIC program

To receive a CHIC number, Papillons must have:

- Permanent identification in the form of a microchip or tattoo
- Eye Examination – CAER, recommended screening every 2 years, no minimum age
- Patellar Luxation – OFA Certificate, 1 year minimum age
- Health Elective (one of the following):
 - OFA Basic Cardiac Examination – OFA Certificate, 1 year minimum age
 - OFA Advanced Cardiac Examination – OFA Certificate, 1 year minimum age
 - PRA1 DNA Test – results registered with OFA
 - NAD DNA Test – results registered with OFA

When three forms (2 required and at least 1 elective) are submitted with payment of fees and accepted by OFA, a CHIC number will be assigned to that dog. For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal. If abnormal results are submitted there is NO fee charged by OFA. If owner authorizes an abnormal result, a CHIC number will still be issued to that dog.

CHIC BENEFITS

BREEDING INFORMATION : Information for breeders—permanent identification and central data storage provides breeders with a reliable source of information about dogs they may be planning on using in their breeding program.

BUYERS INFORMATION : Information for new owners—breeders can provide copies of CHIC records for new puppy owners and other breeders or refer them to the CHIC database for accurate information about the results of their health testing.

RESEARCH INFORMATION : Parent clubs—Can access CHIC data on their breed to help determine health research priorities and evaluate the participation and effectiveness of testing programs and incentives they have established.

BREED RESEARCH : Scientists need accurate information on multiple generations of dogs in order to conduct research that can benefit breeds and eliminate genetic diseases. The CHIC database can serve as a resource for these scientists.

ALL BREED RESEARCH : As the CHIC database becomes more complete, researchers will be able to utilize the information for epidemiological studies that will enhance our knowledge of health issues affecting all breeds of dogs

DATA : The data entered and maintained in CHIC will be available for authorized scientific research into canine diseases and maintained in a format that make such information accessible to interested owners and breeders.