

HEALTH TESTING IN POODLES

To help ensure the future health of Poodles, good breeders screen prospective Poodle parents with tests available for primary health issues in our breed. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) work with parent clubs to establish important screening criteria, and the following are tests needed to receive a CHIC number for each Poodle variety. Where noted, the PCA Foundation also recommends other DNA tests, some just recently developed as researchers identify faulty genes that cause disease. Eye exams to detect hereditary problems should be done yearly until an age suggested by your veterinary eye specialist. For more on poodle health, go to www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org.



TOY POODLES

DNA Test for *prcd*-Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) from an OFA-approved laboratory.
Yearly Eye Exam by a boarded ACVO veterinary ophthalmologist.
Patellar Luxation: OFA Evaluation.

MINIATURE POODLES

Same CHIC requirements as Toy Poodles with the addition of:
Hip Dysplasia: OFA or PennHIP Evaluation.

The PCA Foundation strongly recommends the **DNA test for Miniature Poodle Dwarfism (Osteochondrodysplasia)** to avoid breeding two carriers to each other and producing puppies affected with this deforming and crippling disorder. Research suggests that about 10 percent of Minis carry the mutation that causes this disease and that it is not limited to a few bloodlines.

STANDARD POODLES

Hip Dysplasia: OFA or PennHIP Evaluation.
Yearly Eye Exam by a boarded ACVO veterinary ophthalmologist.
Health Elective (at least one of the following three tests is required for CHIC number):
OFA Thyroid Evaluation from an OFA approved laboratory.
OFA Sebaceous Adenitis (SA) Evaluation by an OFA approved dermatopathologist.
Heart Evaluation by an ACVIM boarded veterinary cardiologist.

The PCA Foundation recommends all three electives for Standard Poodles and also strongly recommends the following DNA tests from an OFA approved laboratory to easily avoid breeding two mutation carriers to each other and producing affected puppies: **DNA Test for Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures (NEwS) and DNA Test for vonWillebrand's Disease (vWD).**

Note: A CHIC requirement across all participating breeds is that the dog must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo in order to qualify for a CHIC number.