



# National Beagle Club of America, Inc.

## **Health Statement, as approved by the NBC Board of Directors, at its April 16, 2022 Board of Directors meeting**

Beagles are basically a healthy breed, but there are some problems that you need to be informed about. The most common problems with beagles are epilepsy, allergies, hypothyroidism, hip dysplasia, and back problems. Reputable breeders screen their breeding stock for problems and make educated breeding choices. While most of the health problems cannot totally be eliminated from the breed, a reputable breeder will do their best to breed away from the problems

The National Beagle Club recommends health screening in line with our club-approved CHIC requirements. CHIC requirements for Beagles are:

### **Required for CHIC**

- **Hip Dysplasia** (one of the following)  
OFA Evaluation  
PennHIP Evaluation
- **Eye Examination**  
Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist
- **MLS**  
DNA-based MLS test from an approved laboratory; results registered with OFA. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage
- **Cardiac Evaluation** (one of the following)  
Congenital Cardiac Exam  
Advanced Cardiac Exam  
Basic Cardiac Exam
- **Autoimmune thyroiditis**  
OFA Evaluation, minimum age 24 months

### **Optional recommended tests**

- **Advanced Cardiac Evaluation**  
Advanced Cardiac Exam
- **Patellar Luxation**  
OFA evaluation, minimum age 1 year



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- **LaFlora Epilepsy**  
DNA-based test from an accepted laboratory; results registered with OFA
- **FACTOR VII Deficiency**  
DNA-based test from an accepted laboratory; results registered with OFA
- **Neonatal Cerebellar Cortical Degeneration**  
DNA-based test from an accepted laboratory; results registered with OFA

For questions, please contact Ruth Darlene Stewart, Chairperson, National Beagle Club of America Health and Genetics Committee. Her email is [beagleinfo@mchsi.com](mailto:beagleinfo@mchsi.com).

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