



Schipperke Club of America, Inc.

Health Testing Schipperkes

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It is the recommendation of the Schipperke Club of America that health tests be completed before any dog is bred, or at two years of age, whichever occurs first.

For CHIC and thus Recommended:

- EYE exam by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Diplomat- CERF or OFA/Eye Certification Registry (ECR) with results included in Clinical Database for Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD). Recommended minimum examinations: before breeding, after 7 years of age or whenever an ocular problem occurs. Ideally: done yearly.
- Complete Thyroid Panel done after one year of age and before breeding by an OFA approved lab and recorded with OFA. Reevaluation recommended between 6 and 8 years of age or whenever a thyroid problem is suspected. Ideally: repeated at 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 years of age.
- Patella examination (for luxating patellas) by a general practitioner or orthopedist after 1 year of age with results submitted to OFA.
- Hip Radiographs submitted to OFA (added February 2018) - after 1 year of age for Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease (LCPD) or after two years of age for hip dysplasia which can be used for LCPD also. Definitely should be done before breeding to rule out both of these problems.

Additional Tests Recommended - but not presently needed for CHIC

- MPS IIIB test before breeding any Schipperke whose status is unknown
- Standard Congenital Cardiac Exam. Results registered with OFA/Advanced Cardiac Exam/Basic Cardiac Exam

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