

HOW TO DO HEALTH CHECKS FOR CHIC AND OTHER TESTS

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From the Health Area of the Norfolk Terrier Club: Norfolk are a CHIC breed. Our national club encourages all members to have their breeding stock evaluated for certain hereditary problems and to register those results with CHIC, the Canine Health Information Center. At this time, the NTC requires a cardiac color flow ultrasound, an eye exam, and a knee or patellae evaluation to receive a CHIC number. In addition, the NTC recommends that dogs have a hip s-ray certified by OFA, the orthopedic foundation for animals, and be checked for Ichthyosis, a hereditary skin disorder.

The Norfolk Terrier Club recommends the following test
Members should be encouraged to test their dogs for possible genetic abnormalities through the OFA, Penn Hip and CERF. Members should also be encouraged to participate in the CHIC program.

In order to get CHIC certification you must

1. Have a OFA (form link below) Heart Color Doppler by a Cardiologist
2. Have a OFA (form link below) patella exam
3. Have a CERF exam by Ophthalmologist.

All forms must be submitted to proper channels (CERF to address on back of form) and OFA forms to OFA (address on form).

Please note, there is an area on the form to release abnormal information. If you have a abnormal result and want to release it, then you sign this area. If you do, you will be issued a CHIC # regardless of health issue. If you only report good results, you should still sign. CHIC does not certify a dog healthy, it is for sharing of information! The results of tests (good and bad, only if you choose to share) are posted www.offa.org. Once all three forms are received (CERF forwards results to OFA) your dog will receive a CHIC Number.

Patella form:

http://offa.org/pdf/plapp_bw.pdf

Heart Form:

http://offa.org/pdf/cardapp_bw.pdf

Norfolk Terrier Ichthyosis Project
(Suggested)
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To order kit, email Patrick Venta. venta@cvm.msu.edu

Subject Line: Norfolk Terrier Ichthyosis Project

Body of email: name, address, and number of kits needed.

He will send you kit with small brushes to collect cells from mouth, labels, and return envelopes, form to complete with your and dogs information. Cost \$85 per dog, \$70 per dog if 4 or more from same kennel



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go to the club's website to see a photo of the pin....gorgeous