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NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER








Recommended Tests/CHIC Program Requirements

The OFA, working with the breed's parent club, recommends the following basic health screening tests for all breeding stock. Dogs meeting these basic health screening requirements will be issued Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) numbers. For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal, but they must all be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions. For potential puppy buyers, CHIC certification is a good indicator the breeder responsibly factors good health into their selection criteria. The breed specific list below represents the basic health screening recommendations. It is not all encompassing. There may be other health screening tests appropriate for this breed. And, there may be other health concerns for which there is no commonly accepted screening protocol available.

Screening	Testing options
Hip Dysplasia	One of the following: OFA Radiographic Hip Evaluation PennHIP Evaluation. Results registered with OFA.
ACVO Eye Exam	ACVO Eye Examination. Results registered with OFA.
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) DNA Test	OFA DNA Based evaluation from an approved laboratory

Application Forms
DNA Based Genetic Disease Application Form
Hip and/or Elbow Dysplasia Application Form

Notes

In addition to the breed specific requirements above, 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.

CHIC numbers generate automatically within 1 to 2 weeks after all the required test results have been registered with the OFA.

For dogs residing outside the US or Canada, owners may submit their country's equivalent health screening results for listing on the OFA website. These requests are reviewed on a case by case basis and fees apply. Once these results have been recorded with the OFA, owners may request CHIC numbers if they've met all the CHIC requirements through regular registrations or international equivalents. These requests are handled on a case by case basis.



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