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The following health statement was presented, discussed and passed by the Affenpinscher Club of America's Board of Directors during their May 12, 2015 meeting. Any questions concerning this information should be directed to Sheila Wymore, wymores@aol.com :

The goal of the Affenpinscher Club of America is to promote healthy dogs and to promote the procreation of healthy dogs. The Club relies on the Member breeders and the Membership to continue to maintain high standards and practice responsible breeding, such as having all Affens of breeding stock CHIC tested.

The Canine Health Information Center records the Affens whose owners have tested their eyes (registered with either CERF or OFA) and patellas which are OFA evaluated. These tests qualify the dog for a CHIC number which certifies that the dog in question has passed the necessary tests required by the Affenpinscher Club of America.

Many breeders go beyond the required tests and add OFA evaluations for hip dysplasia, elbows, Legg-Calves-Perthes and heart evaluations. The Affenpinscher Club of America strongly advises all puppy buyers to inquire as to the testing of the parents by each breeder.

The bottom line is that Affenpinschers, to date, have no known inherited illness, deformity, or genetic malfunction specific to the breed.