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The ATCA follows the recommendations for health checks that is presented on the CHIC database for the Airedale Terrier as listed below:

Hip Dysplasia: OFA evaluation - minimum age 24 mos. or PennHip Evaluation.

Congenital Cardiac Database: OFA evaluation - Auscultation-followup recommended for any abnormalities.

Renal Disease: Application form on CHIC database.

Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist (Optional): Results registered with OFA or Results registered with CERF.

Autoimmune Thyroiditis (Optional): OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory.

Elbow Dysplasia (Optional): OFA Evaluation.

Note: 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.

ATCA also has breeder guidelines and Code of Ethics that a member must sign in order to be on our breeders referral list. The guidelines that pertain to health include:

1. To breed, to the best of our knowledge and judgment, Airedale Terriers that are free of transmittable diseases/harmful organisms, debilitating congenital abnormalities, and unsound behavior (such as unwarranted aggression or shyness.)
2. To Keep informed of and screen for genetic problems (those now known and those yet to be discovered). To obtain health certifications of sire and dam that the breeder deems appropriate, such as OFA/PennHip or any foreign country's accepted hip certification, CERF, thyroid testing, elbow certification and cardiac evaluation (tests recommended by the ATCA Health Committee). To consider carefully the potential impact of all findings and conclusions on future breeding decisions.

Shirley VanOver
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