



# CHINESE SHAR-PEI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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## **Health Statement from the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America (CSPCA), Inc:**

In 2006 the CSPCA accepted recommendations from the CSPCA Health and Education Committee to participate in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) Program. Because each breed faces different health challenges, the CHIC program identifies health screening tests that meet the needs and concerns of individual dog breeds. For Chinese Shar-Pei, screening tests have been recommended against the following health concerns:

- hip dysplasia
- elbow dysplasia
- autoimmune thyroiditis
- patellar luxation
- CERF exam to identify various eye and vision abnormalities

Not all diseases have a genetic component, or an available screening test. Informed breeders and puppy buyers know that screening tests are a resource to aide in the development of healthy and sound dogs. Breeders that have submitted evaluative information on their breeding stock have dedicated money and time to demonstrate their commitment to the Chinese Shar-Pei breed.

The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. has instituted a longevity registry. Dogs that live to be 10 years of age or older are awarded a Longevity Certificate and recorded in our public record. Dogs coming from pedigrees which have a history of longevity may live long and healthy lives.

This Health Statement approved by the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc's Board of Directors.