

Health Testing Recommendations from the Italian Greyhound Club of America, as approved by the club's Board of Directors:

The following health tests are required for the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) certification for Italian greyhounds:

- Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, (OFA) Patella certification anytime after 12 months of age
- Screening OFA hip radiographs after 24 months of age
- OFA thyroid profile at least once at age 3 or older
- OFA or Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) eye exam - at least once at age three or older

Although a CHIC number can be obtained with only one eye exam at age 3 or older, the Italian Greyhound Club of America recommends annual eye exams for all IGs that will be used for breeding. In addition, there are three DNA based tests available for the breed. Both Optigen and the UC Davis Vet Genetics Lab offer a DNA test for IG PRA-1, and Davis also offers DNA tests for acute narrow angle glaucoma and enamel hypoplasia. Responsible breeders are encouraged to perform these DNA tests.

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