



## Health Statement from the Old English Sheepdog Club of America

The Old English sheepdog Club of America (OESCA) is committed to the continued health of Old English Sheepdogs. Therefore, we use a guideline for testing necessary for CHIC certification and we also highly encourage breeders to test for optional but recommended health concerns. OESCA conducts health surveys to accurately determine the breed's health concerns. The information obtained through testing and surveying are important to protect the future of the breed and give our dogs the best chance for a long and healthy life.

### OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

#### Hip Dysplasia (REQUIRED)

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- OFA Evaluation - OR
- OVC Evaluation - OR
- PennHIP Evaluation

#### Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist- recommend each year until 5, thereafter every 2 years (REQUIRED)

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- Results registered with OFA
- OR results registered with CERF

#### Autoimmune thyroiditis (REQUIRED)

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- OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory. It is recommended that the test be repeated annually up to 5 years of age, and every 2 years thereafter.

#### EIC (Exercise Induced Collapse) (REQUIRED)

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- Exercise Induced Collapse- DNA based test from an approved laboratory (Required test as of 8/1/16)

#### Cardiac Evaluation (Optional)

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- Congenital Cardiac Exam with exam by cardiologist - OR
- Advanced Cardiac Exam

### **Congenital Deafness (Optional)**

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- OFA evaluation based on BAER test

### **Multiple Drug Sensitivity (Optional)**

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- DNA based MDR1 test results from an approved laboratory. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage

### **Cerebellar Degeneration (Optional)**

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- Cerebellar Degeneration - DNA test from an approved laboratory. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage

### **Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (PCD) (Optional)**

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- Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia - DNA based test from an approved laboratory. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage

### **Visit the official club website**

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- <http://www.oldenglishsheepdogclubofamerica.org/>

\*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.

This Health Statement has been approved by the Old English Sheepdog Club of America Board of Directors (August 2017)