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The following health statement has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Papillon Club of America.

Papillons are charming, affectionate, attractive, athletic toy dogs that have been bred as companions since the time of the Renaissance.

They tend to be healthy overall and long lived. It is not unusual for a well cared for Papillon to live 15 or more years of age.

To keep them healthy and qualify for a number with the Canine Health Information Center [CHIC], breeders test dogs being bred to ensure eyes, patellas and hearts are normal. Additionally, the parent club has worked to develop DNA tests for problems that may occasionally occur such as PRA-1 and NAD. The club has a website devoted to genetics with further health information available.

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