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The following statement has been approved by the Pug Dog Club of America Officers and Board of Directors. The CHIC recommendations as noted below were voted in by PDCA membership.

### **HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUG DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

“The Pug Dog Club of America (PDCA) takes part in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) program developed by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). This program provides a way for our breeders to make the health of the puppies they produce, a priority. The tests we recommend are by no means exhaustive, but they address general problems we know exists in our breed. We can run these tests to help decrease the occurrence of that health issue. Each individual breeder should make choices for further testing of problems that they may face in their breeding programs.

Our current group of recommended CHIC tests includes screening for Pug Dog Encephalitis (PDE) also known as Necrotizing Meningoencephalitis (NME), hip dysplasia, patellar luxation and eye examination. Our second tier tests, which are recommended but not required for CHIC registration, include Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency, bile acids and elbow dysplasia. Our general test priorities may be updated and changed as science and research make more accurate testing available.

We recommend anyone looking for a Pug puppy ask not only about the experience of the breeder, their puppy rearing and breeding practices, but also ask about the health issues they see in their stock, the tests they conduct on their breeding stock and the results of the testing done. All dogs that meet CHIC requirements are featured in an open registry with their test results published by OFA. A CHIC designation does not mean all tests were passed. Some of the tests have age requirements and may not be done at the time a dog is bred.”

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