



AMERICAN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

Member of the American Kennel Club

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Concerned breeders of Shetland Sheepdogs strive to breed healthy Shelties and decrease the incidence of heritable diseases in the breed. Hip dysplasia, thyroid disease, eye diseases, dermatomyositis (DMS, Sheltie Skin Syndrome), von Willebrand's disease (vWD), and epilepsy are some of the known health problems of the breed. Although these problems are NOT COMMON in the breed, the Board of Directors of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) recommends that questions about the health of the dog and its relatives be asked when inquiring about the purchase of a puppy or adult.

The American Shetland Sheepdog Association has established and recommends the following test requirements for Shetland Sheepdogs to achieve OFA/CHIC ★ certification:

Required Tests:

- Hip dysplasia evaluation (OFA or PennHIP)
- Eye clearance (Canine Eye Registration Foundation, CERF)

Plus at least 2 from the elective test list below:

Elective Tests:

- Dermatomyositis (DMS) – DNA test
- von Willebrand's Disease (vWD) – DNA test
- Multiple drug sensitivity (MDR1) – DNA test
- Autoimmune thyroiditis (OFA evaluation from an OFA approved laboratory)
- Collie eye anomaly – DNA test
- Elbow dysplasia evaluation (OFA)

Optional Tests:

- Congenital cardiac database (OFA evaluation by board certified cardiologist or internal medicine specialist; or the Advanced Cardiac Exam approved by OFA)
- Dentition database (dental exam by a licensed veterinarian to certify full dentition)
- American Temperament Testing Society (TT title)

★ Test results must be registered with OFA. All DNA tests must be done by an OFA approved laboratory.

http://www.ofa.org/dna_alltest.html?test=&breed=Shetland+Sheepdog&btnShow=Show

The Board of Directors of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association approves this health statement.