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These are the National Shiba Club of America Parent Club Health Testing Recommendations.

- **HIPS**
  - Breeding stock has been x-rayed following the AVMA recommendations for positioning at 24 months of age and evaluated/certified by one of the following. In addition, if breeding stock is under the age of 2, additional preliminary testing is recommended prior to breeding.
  - OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals)
  - PennHIP (University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program)

- **EYES**
  - Breeding stock has had eyes checked for any hereditary defects by a boarded ACVO (American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) or, if a foreign breeder, by the appropriate counterpart in his/her country. It is recommended that breeders complete this examination at least once every two years. Test results may be registered with one of the following:
    - CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation)
    - OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals)

- **PATELLAS:**
  - Patellar luxation has been checked by a licensed veterinarian on all breeding stock. Test results may be registered with OFA by using the OFA Evaluation Form.