



STANDARD SCHNAUZER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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The Board of Governors of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. adopted the Best Practices for Testing for Health and Potential Disease in Standard Schnauzers, October 15, 2014. The following is a condensed version of the Best Practices document.

The Standard Schnauzer is a healthy, robust, sturdily built, and energetic dog. Breeders have the highest level of responsibility for the future health of the breed and will evaluate the general health status of the Dam and Sire. In addition, the following tests are recommended:

1. X-ray of hips for hip dysplasia, with evaluation of X-rays by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals after 24 months of age. A dog with dysplastic hips should not be used for breeding.
2. Evaluation by a Board Certified Ophthalmologist for potential eye and vision defects. Eye and vision evaluation should be done no more than one year before being bred.
3. Molecular/genotype analysis for risk of genetic diseases, including the genotype analysis for risk of Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) in Standard Schnauzers. If the DCM genotype shows one parent is a Carrier, the other parent must have a Negative (Normal) genotype.

Breeders are urged to insure that the results from these tests are available in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) database and are made available to prospective puppy buyers.

Respectfully submitted and approved by the Board of Governors of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America, Inc., March 19, 2015.

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