



Health Statement for the American Whippet Club, Inc.(AWC)

The American Whippet Club, Inc. is committed to the health and well-being of the Whippet. Based on the advice and counsel of the independent Whippet Health Foundation, the club recommends that all responsible breeders perform and follow the following pre-breeding health screening tests on their stock:

- BAER test for normal hearing in both ears. This is a one time test that is good for the life of the dog.
- OFA Eye exam normal clearance within one year prior to the mating. This test is recommended on an annual basis.
- OFA Echocardiogram examination performed by a Board-certified Cardiologist within two years of the mating. This test is recommended on a bi-annual or annual basis.

Further, the AWC strongly encourages that all test results, normal or otherwise, be uploaded to the Whippet Health Foundation database. The three screening tests and reporting to the WHF are the requirements established in order to obtain a CHIC designation.

The three health screening tests are what the AWC recommends for responsible Whippet breeders, and utilization of the available health screening tests for serious genetic defects of concern in the breed is expected of AWC Breeder-Members under our Code of Ethics.