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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 24months 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)
- o 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.

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