

Whippet Health Foundation, INC.

Health Clinic INFORMATION

The Whippet Health Foundation will be conducting health clinics in conjunction with the 2017 AWC National Specialty. OFA Eye Certification, BAER and cardiac echocardiogram clinics will be held as well as microchipping and AKC DNA testing. The Whippet Health Foundation will be subsidizing a portion of the per dog cost for BAER and cardiac testing for those dogs participating in the WHF database.

All test results subsidized by and released to the WHF Database will be public record. It is up to you to enter your dog into the WHF database and to provide us with a copy of the test results.

HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE AT THE 2017 AWC NATIONAL

EYE Clinic: Wednesday, April 19th, 1pm to 6pm

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Patricia Gearhart, ACVO. We will be offering the OFA eye certification exam. This test fulfills the AWC Futurity requirement. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$30 per dog.

BAER Hearing Clinic: Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19th, exams times TBD by the doctor.

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Susanne Hughes. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$55 per dog for confidential results, \$25 for results submitted to the WHF database.

Cardiac Echocardiogram Clinic: Tues, April 18th, Wed, April 19th and Thurs, April 20th (9am to 5pm).

This clinic will be conducted by Dr.'s Rebecca Stepien and Heidi Kelliham from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. They will be performing echocardiogram clearance (pre-breeding) examinations only. No recheck examinations, no ill dog examinations. All exams will take 30 minutes. These results will be acquired the day of the test. This exam will fulfill the requirements for the OFA Advanced Cardiac Database (ACA). You may sign up as many Whippets as you want, there is no limit. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost of the exam is \$250 for confidential results, \$200 for results released to the database.

AKC DNA Profile test: (DNA cheek swab): \$40/sample. Swabs can either be mailed to you prior to the national or picked up at the national. All swabs **must be collected at the national** to qualify for this special rate, do not send to AKC on your own or they will charge you full price.

Microchipping: \$35 per dog. This service will be done by Dr. Hughes and will include an AKC ISO Chip as well as the registration. Dr. Hughes will schedule a time with you after your health clinic registration is received.

DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS MONDAY, April 3rd, 2017
SUBMIT FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE

HEALTH CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS Monday, April 3rd, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

OFA Eye Testing (include total # of dogs):

OFA Eye exam..... # of dogs _____ @ \$30 ea.= \$ _____

BAER Testing (check one box only, include total # of dogs):

BAER testing: results released to WHF database.....# of dogs _____ @ \$30 ea.= \$ _____

BAER testing: results remain confidential.....# of dogs _____ @ \$55 ea. = \$ _____

Echocardiogram health clearance/pre-breeding exam (include total # of dogs):

Echocardiogram results released to WHF database..... # of dogs _____ @\$200 ea.= \$ _____

Echocardiogram results remain confidential..... # of dogs _____ @ \$250 ea.= \$ _____

Please choose your preferred day: (you will be contacted for appointment time prior to the national)

Tuesday, April 18th

Wednesday, April 19th

Thursday, April 20th

AKC DNA Profile Testing (include total # of dogs)

AKC DNA cheek swab.....# of dogs _____ @ \$35 ea.= \$ _____

Microchipping

Microchip.....# of dogs _____ @ \$35 ea.= \$ _____

Make checks payable to the **Whippet Health Foundation, Inc (or WHF)** in US funds
(Checks written on foreign banks will NOT be accepted) and mail this form and with payment to:
(Also available: PayPal at www.whippethealth.org.)

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Two opportunities for Whippet heart health education!

Please join the Whippet Health Foundation and cardiologists Rebecca Stepien, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology) Clinical Professor-Cardiology, and Chief of Small Animal Services, UW Veterinary Care and Heidi Kellihan, DVM Clinical Assistant Professor of Cardiology, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine for a question and answer session on Thursday afternoon following the close of the echocardiogram clinic at the AWC National. This town hall style meeting will be held at 3pm on Thursday afternoon near the health clinic location. Actual room assignment TBA.

On Friday evening, April 21st from 8 to 10pm, the Whippet Health Foundation will be sponsoring Joshua Stern, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Cardiology) Associate Professor & Chief of Service, Cardiology University of California Davis. His presentation will be on the Genetics of Cardiac Disease in the Whippet. Start time will be 8:00 pm and following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session.

Whippet Health Foundation Futurity Incentive

The WHF Futurity Incentive was developed to further encourage and reward thoughtful, health conscious breeders of Futurity nominated litters. A \$100 award, over and above the regular futurity monetary award, will be given to the breeders who whelped the eligible winners of every futurity class at the National Specialty. To be eligible for this award, the sires and dams of the winning puppies must have CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) numbers. From the CHIC website:

"The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). CHIC, working with participating parent clubs, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds by establishing a recommended protocol for breed specific health screening and recognizing dogs tested in accordance with that protocol."

AWC, in concert with WHF, established the following four requirements for a whippet's inclusion into the CHIC database:

- The whippet must be entered into the WHF database (www.whippethealth.org),
- have an eye exam performed by an ophthalmologist within the year prior to breeding,
- have an echocardiogram performed by a cardiologist within 2 years of the breeding,
- and have a BAER exam.

When results of these three tests, along with appropriate OFA applications and nominal fees, are sent to OFA a CHIC number is automatically generated. The CHIC logo will then appear after the dog's name in the OFA database. Visit www.caninehealthinfo.org for more information about the CHIC program.