

## CHIC Requirement

As previously published, the SSCA Board added the molecular test for risk of DCM as a required test for obtaining a CHIC number. The requirement for submission of the results for this test **REPLACED** the requirement to submit results from one of the tests previously designated as an **Elective**. It is a CHIC requirement that Parent Clubs identify at least 3 tests that will be conducted in order to obtain a CHIC number.

The three required tests to obtain a CHIC number, effective September 1, 2015, are:

1. Hip Dysplasia – OFA evaluation and OFA number after 24 months
2. Eye Examination by certified ACVO Ophthalmologist – minimum age 24 months - results registered with OFA or CERF
3. Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) – DNA based DCM test

Submission of the results from these 3 required tests is **SUFFICIENT** for obtaining a CHIC number.

Although no longer required to obtain a CHIC number, Owners are encouraged to submit the results from any elective tests to CHIC when they are conducted.

- Cardiac evaluation exam by cardiologist
- Thyroid evaluation from an OFA approved laboratory

In addition, Owners are encouraged to continue submitting **Blood Samples**, even though not required to obtain a CHIC number. The **DNA Repository** is central for future research of diseases that may occur or be identified in the future in Standard Schnauzers.