

1. [*] What health tests do you feel should be required by the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America for a CHIC number to be issued?: (check all you feel should be necessary. We have listed available statistics at the bottom for GWP's per the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals for hip and elbow dysplasia, thyroid and cardiac.)

Hip Dysplasia (OFA or PennHip)	- 49		25.79%
Elbow Dysplasia	- 22		11.58%
Thyroid	- 42		22.11%
Von Willebrands (lack of clotting in blood)	- 25		13.16%
CERF (eyes)	- 31		16.32%
Cardiac	- 19		10.00%
Other	- 2		1.05%
Total Answers	- 190		

2. If you chose CERF in question 1: How many times should the test be done?

Yearly	- 10		27.78%
Once	- 4		11.11%
Done at 2 and 4 years of age	- 15		41.67%
Other	- 7		19.44%
Total Answers	- 36		

3. If you chose Thyroid in question 1: How many times should the test be done?

Yearly	- 9		20.45%
Once	- 6		13.64%
Done at 2 and 4 years of age	- 19		43.18%
Other	- 10		22.73%
Total Answers	- 44		

4. [*] What health tests do you feel should be listed as optional by the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America for a CHIC number to be issued?: (check all you feel should be listed as optional.) Optional means it is suggested but not required for the CHIC number.

Hip Dysplasia (OFA or PennHip)	- 2		1.82%
Elbow Dysplasia	- 30		27.27%
Thyroid	- 6		5.45%
Von Willebrands (lack of clotting in blood)	- 18		16.36%
CERF (eyes)	- 21		19.09%
Cardiac	- 30		27.27%
Other	- 3		2.73%
Total Answers	- 110		

Answers to Question 5: What do you feel is the biggest health concern in our breed today? There are 39 answers to this question.

39. Hips, Thyroid
38. Hip dysplasia
37. Joint Problems
36. Thyroid, hips, cardiac
35. Food from china
34. Hip dysplasia, Autoimmune thyroiditis, seizure, cancer
33. Thyroid disease
32. H.D
31. Thyroid Issues
30. Thyroid problems People who breed dogs with OFA Fair hips. Ask anyone with an understanding of genetics and they will tell you that this practice will keep CHD in our breed.
29. Hips
28. Thyroid problems
27. Immune-mediated thyroiditis and the lack of members testing for it.
26. hips problems
25. Thyroid and eyes
24. Thyroid problems along with eye problems.
23. hip dysplasia
22. Hips and Thyroid
21. Hip Dysplasia; thyroid
20. Cardiac
19. Thyroid
18. thyroid, hips
17. cataracts
16. hips and elbows i think the thyroid is on the increase and eyes and also the flipping of the stomach and bloat(i don't know how genitic these are)
15. Hip dysplasia
14. hips, thyroid, seizures
13. Hips and thyroid
12. Thyroid
11. THYROID/ VON WILLEBRAND'S
10. Hypothyroidism
9. CHD
8. Thyroid
7. dysplasia/thyroid
6. autoimmune thyroiditis/hypothyroidism
5. Undetected Thyroid problems
4. hips and heart
3. hips and temperment
2. Hips and Thyroid
1. Thyroid Disease

Answers to Question 6: If you answered "Other" to any of the preceding questions, please provide a brief description. There are 10 answers to this question.

10. Thyroid testing - I don't believe there is a way to make a CHIC number invalid so once it obtained by testing, there is no way to make sure yearly testing is conducted.

9. Epilepsy

8. I think these should be done once for the CHIC. However, I think owners should check the eyes and thyroid as needed.

7. I feel that dogs should have cerf and thyroid done once a year if siring a litter. The same applies to bitches, cerf and thyroid before being bred.

6. epilepsy

5. For Thyroid testing Dr Jean Dodds has suggested yearly testing from 1-3 years old to see if there is any decline in the levels. This should give breeders some guidelines that breedability of a dog - if the levels keep dropping maybe there is an issue. Also, according to Dr. Dodds, there are other considerations for when to do the testing (not right before or after a heat cycle, not right after immunizations); it's important to teach the GWPCA membership about about these considerations or we may be getting high number of false readings.

4. can't think of the name of it but it's were the lining of the intestine is not asorbing the food (is this a gentic desiese?) and if other problems are in that line of dog i would check every 6 mos

3. No test should be Optional Hypothyroidism can show up later than 4yrs and should be tested again at 6 or 7 yrs of age

2. Test once unless results indicated further testing is appropriate

1. I think CERF and Thyroid should be tested every 3 years