

Is my GWP CHIC?

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (www.OFFA.org) that provides a user friendly website and search engine for breeders and buyers to gain valuable health information regarding a dog, bitch or puppy being considered for purchase or a breeding program.

CHIC working with German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America has established a recommended health screening protocol that they believe GWP breeders should follow. A CHIC number is issued when test results are entered into the database satisfying the GWP requirement, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into public domain. The CHIC number itself does not imply normal test results only that the GWP specific tests were performed and results were made public. Please verify on the OFFA.org website that the GWP in question passed each health test.

Breeders that follow the CHIC testing protocol take great pride in health screening the dogs that represent their kennel and their breeding program. When considering a puppy verify if the sire and dam have their CHIC number, if they do not please question the breeder on why all health screenings have not been performed, sometimes there are sufficient reasons such as frozen semen for a dog from years ago but always do your research.

Health Screenings Required for a CHIC

Hip Dysplasia

- OFA evaluation (min 24 months) - OR
- PennHIP evaluation (min 12 months)

Elbow Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation (min 24 months)

Autoimmune thyroiditis

- OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory - Minimum of 2 years of age, prior to breeding, and yearly thereafter until 4 years of age

Eye Clearance

- Results registered with OFA or CERF - any age, yearly if in a breeding program

Congenital Cardiac Database

- OFA evaluation - Must be by cardiologist (min 12 months)

von Willebrand's Disease (Optional)

- OFA Evaluation from [VetGen](http://VetGen.com). First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for [Clear By Parentage](#)