WHY use CHIC?

The CHIC program offers benefits to breeders, buyers, parent clubs, and researchers.

- **For Breeders,** CHIC provides a reliable source of information regarding dogs they may use in their breeding programs. In the future, breeders can begin to analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses as well as the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

- **For Buyers,** the CHIC program provides accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing.
- **For Researchers,** CHIC provides confidential and accurate aggregate information on multiple generations of dogs.
- **For Everyone** interested in canine health issues, CHIC is a tool to monitor disease prevalence and measure progress.

Recommended By:

WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Owners are encouraged to release all test results, realizing it is in the ultimate health interests of the breed and the information greatly increases the depth and breadth of any resulting pedigree analysis. Test results that are not included in the open database are still of value to the program.

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CANINE HEALTH
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WHAT is CHIC?

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/CHF and OFA. The CHIC, working with participating parent clubs, including the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

The West Highland White Terrier Club of America (WHWTCA) has determined that three screenings should be completed for Westies to acquire a CHIC number. Screenings include an eye exam (CERF/ACVO), hip x-rays (OFA) and patellar luxation exam (OFA). A CHIC number will be assigned regardless of the results of the examinations.

CHIC also maintains this central information system to support research into canine disease and to help breeders in breeding healthy dogs.

HOW to get a CHIC number!

Health Screen For:	Procedure Required:	Results Evaluated By:	Submit Results To:
Eye Health	Examination after Dilation of Eyes Performed by a Board Certified Ophthalmologist	Board Certified Ophthalmologist Eyes to be tested annually. (Forms provided by the Ophthalmologist)	CERF* or ACVO* as directed by your ophthalmologist *Canine Eye Registration Found. *American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists
Hip Health (Possible Hip Dysplasia or Legg-Calvé-Perthes)	X-ray of the Hip Performed by your Vet (Best done after 2 years of age).	OFA Radiologists (Evaluation forms found on *www.offa.org*)	OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals)
Patella Luxation	Palpation by your Vet (after one year of age)	Your Veterinarian	OFA

Test results from the OFA and CERF/ACVO databases are shared automatically with the CHIC program. There is no additional fee to enter test results in CHIC, and there are no additional forms to complete. When all tests are completed a CHIC number will be automatically assigned.

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