



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

HEALTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The program has 5 levels of recognition - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond.
 Passing results are required on all eligible certifications except DNA based health screenings
 (passing results eligible for certification are defined by OFA).

Any result will be accepted for DNA based health screenings. All results must be submitted to OFA and be verifiable in their public database.

ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATIONS:

OFA Congenital Cardiac
 (All cardiac certifications accepted, Echo preferred)
 OFA Patellar Luxation
 OFA Tracheal Hypoplasia
 OFA Thyroid
 OFA Elbow Dysplasia
 OFA Hip Dysplasia

ELIGIBLE DNA BASED HEALTH SCREENINGS:

Hyperuricosuria
 Type 3 Cystinuria DNA Marker

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CERTIFICATE LEVEL ARE:

Bronze

Successful completion of any 4 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings

Silver

Successful completion of any 5 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings

Gold

Successful completion of any 6 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings

Platinum

Successful completion of any 7 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings

Diamond

Successful completion of ALL eligible certifications/DNA screenings submitted to OFA public database

Bulldog Health Screening Matrix

Screening	Minimum Age	CHIC Requirement	BCA Ambassador for Health	BCA Pioneer for Health	Registry	Who can administer	Where to test	Application Fee	Frequency	Test to be performed	Sedation/Anesthesia Required?
Congenital Cardiac	12 Months	X	x		OFA	Veterinarian/Cardiologist	Veterinary Clinic/Cardiac Clinic at Dog Show	\$15.00	One time only	Auscultation by veterinarian. Echocardiogram is preferred	No
Patellar Luxation	12 Months	X	x		OFA	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic/Patella Clinic at Dog Show	\$15.00	One time only	Manual manipulation of the knees	No
Tracheal Hypoplasia	12 Months	X	x		OFA	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic	\$25.00	One time only	Radiograph	No Dog MUST be awake
Thyroid	12 Months		x		OFA	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic/Thyroid Clinic at Dog Show	\$15.00	One time only	Blood panel	No
Elbow Dysplasia	24 Months		x		OFA	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic	\$35 alone/ \$40 Hip & Elbows together	One time only	Radiograph	No, although preferred by some vets
Hip Dysplasia	OFA 24 Months		x		OFA	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic	\$35 alone/ \$40 Hip & Elbows together	One time only	Radiograph	No, although preferred by some vets
	PennHIP 16 Weeks				PennHIP	PennHIP Certified Veterinarian	PennHIP Certified Veterinary Clinic	Request amount from PennHIP Vet	One time only	Radiograph	Yes
Canine Cystinuria Type 3	No minimum		x	*	OFA (using their Application for DNA Based Genetic Database)	Owner (Request DNA test kit from http://research.vet.upenn.edu/pennngen or https://www.vetgen.com/)	Home	\$70 DNA test submission to PennGen or \$65 DNA test submission to VetGen \$15 DNA application to OFA	One time only	DNA Buccal swab	No
Eyes	No minimum			*	OFA (ECR)	ACVO Diplomate	ACVO Diplomate office/Eye Clinic at Dog Show	\$12.00/ \$8.00 re-cert	Must be re-tested/ re-certified annually	Eye exam with dilation	No
Hyperuricosuria (HUU)	No minimum		x	*	OFA (using their Application for DNA Based Genetic Database)	Owner	Home	Request amount from DNA Lab \$15 DNA application to OFA	One time only	DNA Buccal swab	No
Congenital Deafness	35 Days			*	OFA	Veterinarian/Audiologist/ Canine Neurologist	Veterinary/Audiologist /Neurologist Clinic/BAER Clinic at Dog Show	\$15.00	One time only	BAER hearing test	No
Spine	5 Months			*	OFA (Data only)	Veterinarian	Veterinary Clinic	\$20.00	One time only	Radiograph	No, although preferred by some vets

Consult with your veterinarian for more information and watch for upcoming health clinics at dog shows.

Permanent Identification (microchip or tattoo) required for certification.

Download and print OFA applications from the OFA website (<http://www.ofa.org>) and bring them to your vet appointment.

Bulldogs that complete the OFA Cardiac, OFA Tracheal Hypoplasia and OFA Patellar Luxation exams will automatically become certified with CHIC if the box is checked on the application to share data.

Bulldog Club of America Ambassador and Pioneer for Health Award information may be found here: <http://www.bulldogclubofamerica.org/bca?id=364>