

Health Testing Schipperkes

For CHIC and thus Recommended:

EYE exam by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Diplomat- CERF or OFA/Eye Certification Registry (ECR) with results included in Clinical Database for Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD). Recommended minimum examinations: before breeding, after 7 years of age or whenever an ocular problem occurs. Ideally: done yearly, though probably not necessary in Schipperkes

Complete Thyroid Panel done after one year of age and before breeding by an OFA approved lab and recorded with OFA. Reevaluation recommended between 6 and 8 years of age or whenever a thyroid problem is suspected. Ideally: repeated at 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 years of age.

Patella examination (for luxating patellas) by a general practitioner or orthopedist after 1 year of age with results submitted to OFA.

Additional Tests Recommended - but not presently needed for CHIC

MPS IIIB test before breeding any Schipperke whose status is unknown.

Hip Radiographs submitted to OFA - after 1 year of age for Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease (LCPD) or after two years of age for hip dysplasia which can be used for LCPD also. Definitely should be done before breeding to rule out both of these problems.

Other Tests Available - use as needed when status needs to be determined:

Dentition Database - many Schipperkes are missing one or more premolars. The only dentition reference in the standard is that the bite must be scissors or level.

Cardiac Database - examination performed by an individual with advanced training in cardiac diagnosis, but examination by a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Specialty of Cardiology preferred. Hearts should be checked for congenital murmurs before breeding.

Elbow Dysplasia - Elbow radiographs after 2 years of age. No known problems in Schipperkes.

Coat Color tests - genetic coat color tests

Coat Length - genetic test for presence of gene responsible for long coats (fluffs).