



GPCA Health Committee



The following program has been approved by the Health Committee. For more information or to arrange a host clinic please contact Flo Laicher at pyrshire@comcast.net.

CHIC/DNA REGIONAL SPECIALTY CLINICS

The following procedures have been developed with CHIC for the sponsorship of a clinic in conjunction with a GPCA regional specialty:

1. The two sided forms with the GPCA identification will be used for the clinic.
2. The form must be completed front and back.
3. All dogs participating in the clinic must be permanently identified (microchip or tattoo).
4. The microchip must be confirmed with a scanner. If no scanner is available, then the owner must bring proof that the dog is chipped and that the chip is registered with a recovery organization, e.g. a copy of the enrollment form.
5. Tattoo identification can be visually confirmed at the clinic.
6. The dog's registration number must be available at the time of the clinic and if possible the names of the sire and dam. If the sire and dams names are not available, CHIC will get this information from the AKC database.
7. It will not be necessary for the owners to bring copies of the dog's pedigree.
8. Four cheek swabs must be collected per dog and the dog's call name and registration number must be written on each swab's sleeve.
9. A \$5 processing fee, payable to CHIC, must be collected for each dog and included with the swab and the completed form.
10. All swabs, paper work and fee should be placed in a separate envelope for each dog.
11. All collected samples must be mailed to CHIC together priority mail.
12. If an owner is interested in collecting other dogs or if a dog at the show does not have the proper identification, the owner should contact CHIC directly to secure the forms and sample kits. Swabs and forms from the clinic can only be used at the clinic.

For GPCA Health Committee purposes:

1. Forms and materials can be secured from the HC Chair
2. The regional club must provide staffing for the clinic.
3. Please return any unused materials to the HC Chair
4. A brief report about the clinic should be forwarded to the HC Chair within 30 days of the clinic and should include the number of dogs collected and any problems encountered in running the clinic.
5. The regional club is responsible for mailing the collections to CHIC and returning the unused materials to the HC chair. However, the regional club can be reimbursed for these expenses when receipts are forwarded to the chair for approval. There should be no other expenses incurred by the regional club as the HC is providing the materials.
6. One suggestion might be for a local rescue group to also provide a microchip clinic to permanently identify dogs that are not so identified. This is entirely up to the regional club and the rescue group.

