

JCCA Policies and Guidelines

Health Committee Guidelines

The purpose of the Health Committee is to provide current information on health related issues and studies that may affect the Japanese Chin, to encourage participation in health testing, and to support research to improve the health of future generations of Chin.

The committee shall consist of at least two members in addition to the chair. The committee shall:

- Identify health issues pertinent to the Japanese Chin and advise the JCCA Board in the formulation and evaluation of health testing recommendations and guidelines.
- Advise the membership of health related alerts and scientific advances in issues relevant to the Japanese Chin.
- Educate membership on the importance of health testing. JCCA recommended tests include but are not limited to patellas, eyes, heart, and DNA testing for GM2 mutation.
- Submit timely articles about relevant health topics for the *Chin Chit Chat* and the JCCA newsletter. Articles written by the Health Chair and/or other members of the Committee and submitted for publication by the club may be reproduced in the future by the club in its publications or website.
- Provide brief health alerts for posting online in the case of critical issues/warnings.
- Provide guidance on health-related materials for general education when developed by other JCCA committees.
- Assist the Specialty Show Chair with coordinating health related seminars and health clinics in conjunction with the National Specialty. The Health Chair is responsible for recruiting health care personal and for overseeing and soliciting volunteers to assist with the running of those seminars and clinics. The Health Chair should also ensure the Canine Health Foundation membership banner available for display at the specialty.
- Liaise with the AKC Health Foundation and other groups that have health studies or proposals of potential interest to the breed.
- Recommend grants to subsidize through the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund. All grant subsidization must be approved by the Board.

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