



SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016
PCBC & Dr. Butchko will host a
FREE Bulldog Cardiac & Patella Clinic¹

Bulldog Cardiac & Patella testing sign-ups will begin on April 9, 2016, at 8am ringside, you must sign-up to receive health testing.

Bulldog Club of America (BCA) requires passing three health tests
cardiac ♥ patella ♥ trachea
to receive your dog's CHIC number.

See below for why
you WANT a CHIC #



Therefore, Dr. Butchko will also be offering **trachea x-rays, at his office at 5488 Mission Blvd., Riverside, CA 92509 for \$85, starting April 7th, 2016, through April 23, 2016.**

Please note: Dr. Butchko's office does not take appointments.

If you will be getting the trachea x-ray on or before April 9, 2016, between April 7, 2016 through April 9, 2016, while you are at the Specialty Show, you must:

1. Contact me (debra.munt@gmail.com or text at [909\) 548-9657](tel:9095489657)) and let me know you will be getting the trachea x-ray between **April 7, 2016 through April 9, 2016**.

If you do not notify me, Dr. Butchko's office will not provide the discounted trachea x-ray until after April 9, 2016.

2. Provide me with the following information on your dog(s):
 - Registered Name
 - AKC Reg Number
 - DOB
 - M/F
 - Microchip Number (this is required)
3. I will prepare your OFA Trachea form with the appropriate authorizations.
4. When you arrive at The Hotel San Bernardino for the Specialty Show, locate me (text [909-548-9657](tel:9095489657)) and I will give you your form and authorization information.
5. **Dr. Butchko's office will not have the OFA trachea form, you must get this form and authorization from me before you go for the trachea x-ray.**

If you will be getting your dog(s) trachea x-rays after April 9, 2016 and before April 23, 2016,, you can pick up your OFA trachea form at the Bulldog Cardiac & Patella Clinic on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

¹ **All health testing for Bulldogs Only**

Why do you WANT a CHIC number for your Bulldog?

First, CHIC stands for Canine Health Information Center. CHIC is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

The CHIC program offers benefits to breeders, buyers, parent clubs and researchers in the following ways:

For Breeders, CHIC provides a reliable source of information regarding dogs breeders may use in their breeding programs. Using CHIC, breeders can analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses, as well as, the traditional analysis of confirmation, type and performance strengths and weaknesses.

For Buyers, the CHIC program provides accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing. For diseases that are limited to phenotypic evaluations, there are no guarantees. However, the probability that an animal will develop an inherited disease is reduced when its ancestry has been tested normal. Further, as more DNA tests become available and the results are entered into CHIC, the CHIC database will be able to establish whether progeny will be clear, carriers, or affected.

For Parent Clubs, considering establishment of health databases on their own, CHIC provides the answer with no upfront investment required by the club. The CHIC infrastructure is supplied and maintained by the OFA. The data is maintained in a secure environment by trained staff. The services are not subject to the time, technology, and resource constraints that parent clubs might face on their own. This frees parent clubs to focus on their core strengths of identifying health concerns, educating their membership, and encouraging participation in the CHIC program.

For Researchers, CHIC provides confidential and accurate aggregate information on multiple generations of dogs. CHIC information will also be useful for epidemiological studies enhancing our knowledge of health issues affecting all breeds of dogs.

For Everyone interested in canine health issues, CHIC is a tool to monitor disease prevalence and measure progress.

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