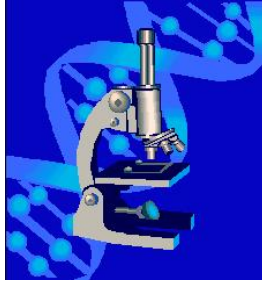


CHIC GORDON SETTER DNA REPOSITORY FOR BREED SPECIFIC RESEARCH



"The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the OFA and the AKC/CHF, collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding genealogic and phenotypic information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs."

The CHIC Repository DNA collection facilitates genetic research into breed specific heritable disorders/diseases. While we all want to eliminate genetic disease from our breed, this is a virtually impossible task without Gordon Setter DNA readily available to researchers. Investigators cannot work with Irish Setter DNA to determine Gordon Setter PRA, nor can they work with any other breeds' DNA to investigate Gordon Setter specific disorders. It is incumbent upon us as the caretakers of our beautiful black and tans to make this DNA available to health professionals in order to promote and facilitate research. Although most of our dogs are generally healthy, we never know what can turn up as the years go by. One day we have a healthy dog, the next day a devastating illness. As we petition researchers through AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) grants to investigate disease, we need to supply them with the proper tools which will help move our breed forward in the field of health.

We see this most recently with Denny O'Brien DVM,PhD and his AKC/CHF Grant #1006-A "A DNA Marker for an Autosomal Recessive, Lethal, Neurological Disease of Gordon Setter Puppies". Dr. O'Brien needed Gordon Setter DNA from affected puppies in order to pursue this research. With DNA from these affecteds, we have great hope for finding the mutation which causes the condition. Dr. O'Brien's AKC/CHF Grant #1006-A is co-sponsored by the GSCA and TARTAN Gordon Setter Club.

REGISTRATION FOR CHIC DNA REPOSITORY BLOOD DRAW OR CHEEK SWAB SAMPLE AT THE **GSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**. THE COST WILL BE \$10 BLOOD SAMPLE; \$5 CHEEK SWAB SAMPLE PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF THE CLINIC.

Dog's Reg. Name: _____ Reg. number: _____

Owner's name & address: _____

Owner's e-mail & telephone #: _____ Dog's call name: _____

Please fill out form and return **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008** to: Candice Bell, 4 Stepping Stone Drive, Broad Brook, CT 06016 or email info to: fh2ovet@aol.com ; **OR** Dianne Avery, Wyttsend@yahoo.com

Additional registration forms are available on line at www.tartangsc.org

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