

Poodle Club of America

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Health Statement for the Poodle Club of America:

The Poodle Club of America (PCA) Board of Directors is committed to the future health and well-being of all Poodles. Breeders have the highest level of responsibility for maintaining the future health of the breed. Therefore, the PCA recommends that all Poodle breeders conduct appropriate tests on both the sire and dam, and to factor results into decisions regarding breeding. Additionally, it is the breeder's responsibility to register test results with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) database, if applicable.

Requirements by Variety:

Toy Poodle:

1. Progressive Retinal Atrophy, PRCD (PRA-prcd, PRCD) – DNA-based test from an approved laboratory
2. Annual ACVO Eye Examination – Minimum age 1 year
3. Patellar Luxation – Veterinary Evaluation of Patellar Luxation - Minimum age 1 year

Miniature Poodle:

1. Progressive Retinal Atrophy, PRCD (PRA-prcd, PRCD) – DNA-based test from an approved laboratory
2. Annual ACVO Eye Examination - Minimum age 1 year
3. Patellar Luxation - Veterinary Evaluation of Patellar Luxation - Minimum age 1 year
4. Hip Evaluation for Hip Dysplasia - One of the following – OFA Radiographic Hip Evaluation or PennHIP Evaluation

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Standard Poodle:

1. Hip Evaluation for Hip Dysplasia - One of the following – OFA Radiographic Hip Evaluation or PennHIP Evaluation
2. ACVO Eye Examination
3. Autoimmune Thyroiditis Evaluation
4. DNA Test for Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures (NEwS) or clear by parentage
5. DNA Test for von Willebrand Disease I (vWDI) or clear by parentage

Optional/Elective:

1. Heart Evaluation by an ACVIM boarded veterinary cardiologist (Standard, Advanced or Basic)
2. Sebaceous Adenitis biopsy

Other health concerns in the breed include Addison's disease (hypoadrenocorticism), atrial septal defects (ASD), gastric dilatation-volvulus (bloat), chronic active hepatitis, Cushing's disease, epilepsy, and Legg-Calve Perthes. Please visit the Poodle Club of America's website for more information: <https://poodleclubofamerica.org/>

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