

CHIC DNA Repository

The CHIC DNA Repository is co-sponsored by the OFA and the AKC/Canine Health Foundation. Its purpose is to collect and store canine DNA samples along with pedigree and phenotypic information to facilitate future research and testing with the goal of reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs. The ASSA Board of Directors encourages participation in this DNA bank. For more information, visit: <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/dnabank.html>.

- DNA samples may be submitted via blood or cheek brush collection. Although blood samples yield the largest amount of good quality DNA, satisfactory samples may be obtained using a cheek brush. Cheek brush samples are stored indefinitely at the Veterinary Genetics Lab (VGL) at UC Davis in CA.
- Individuals may donate their Sheltie's DNA to the Repository, by completing the "DNA Application Form" at: <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/dnabank.html> and then either the generic "Health Survey for DNA Repository" at the above web site or better yet, use the "Shetland Sheepdog Health Survey for the DNA Repository" at the following link: **Priscilla – please link to the attached PDF form.**
- ASSA member clubs are encouraged to use the Sheltie specific CHIC DNA Repository Application/Health Survey form when holding health clinics. **Priscilla – please link to the attached PDF form.** The normal submission fee for DNA collected at ASSA member club health clinics may be reduced or waived by contacting OFA - <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/contacts.html> .