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The Berger Picard Club of America (BPCA) Board of Directors approves the following Health Statement for use on the AKC website.

Although the Berger Picard appears to be a fairly healthy breed, as still a fairly new breed in North America, health issues and concerns are continually being monitored closely and will be updated if the need arises. The following guidelines are required for an OFA CHIC number and are greatly supported and encouraged by the BPCA along with entering and updating of the Berger Picard Health Survey hosted by the OFA.

About: <https://picards.us/health/survey/>

Survey: <https://www.ofa.org/about/educational-resources/health-surveys>.

The following list represents the basic/minimum health screening recommendations by the BPCA for **all** breeding stock. There may be other appropriate health screening tests. And, there may be other health concerns for which there is no commonly accepted screening protocol available. CHIC requirements are to be kept updated.

1. Hip Dysplasia Evaluation (one of the following)
 - a. OFA Evaluation
 - b. PennHIP Evaluation
2. Eye Examination by a board certified ACVO Ophthalmologist (minimum age 24 months, yearly thereafter)
3. DNA Repository
 - a. Participation in the OFA/CHIC DNA Repository (blood sample required)
4. Health Elective (One of the following tests)
 - a. OFA Congenital Cardiac Exam
 - b. OFA Elbow Dysplasia Evaluation
 - c. OFA Thyroid evaluation from an approved laboratory
 - d. OFA Advanced Cardiac Exam

In addition, the BPCA's "Standard of Ethical Conduct for Breeders" as well as the BPCA's "Preferred Breeders List" emphasizes public disclosure of all health results via OFA as one of the cornerstones in preserving the Berger Picard breed as a whole. Specifics, documents and more information can be found at <https://picards.us/puppies/breeder-code-of-ethics/>

There have been reported anecdotal cases of severe reactions to anesthesia and even death in Picards. Therefore, the BPCA recommends when any procedure using anesthesia is necessary to communicate to the treating veterinarian to use the sight hound protocol on all Berger Picards as the body fat/muscle ratio is more similar to sighthounds than typical shepherds. Also, the BPCA has two documented severe reactions involving the use of morphine as a pre-anesthesia drug and this information should be also be communicated to the treating veterinarian.

Additional health information for the Berger Picard is available on the BPCA website: <https://picards.us/health/>

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