



# Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America

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## AKKCOA Health Statement

The Alaskan Klee Kai is a generally healthy breed with a life expectancy of 13-16 years.

The Alaskan Klee Kai are listed with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). They are also enrolled in the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) for Genetic Diversity Testing.

The following basic health screening tests are recommended for all breeding stock. Dogs meeting these basic health screening requirements will be issued Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) number and certification. For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal, but they must all be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions.

For potential puppy buyers, CHIC certification is a good indicator that the breeder responsibly factors good health into their selection criteria. The breed specific list below represents the basic health screening recommendations.

### OFA-CHIC Alaskan Klee Kai

The recommended screenings for this breed are as follows:

- Autoimmune thyroiditis - OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory.
- Patellar Luxation - OFA evaluation.
- Cardiac Evaluation - Congenital Cardiac Exam or Advanced Cardiac Exam
- Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist - Results registered with OFA or Int'l Ophthalmological Exam.
- FACTOR VII Deficiency DNA test (Optional) - OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory.

More information on the health and care of Alaskan Klee Kai can be found at [www.akkcoa.org](http://www.akkcoa.org) under the menu item- The Breed, Health and Medical.

This health statement was updated and approved by the Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America Board of Directors on September 30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
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